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40 Hamas activists arrested; hunt for 'The Engineer' continues

THE IDF and the General Security Service arrested 40 Izzadin Kassam activists throughout Samaria yesterday, some of whom are suspected of involvement in last month's bus bombing in Tel Aviv.

However, the most wanted fugitive in the territories, Ilye Ayash, known as "The Engineer," eluded the crackdown, and the hunt for him continues.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said yesterday that the US should change its laws to prevent Moslem fundamentalists there from continuing their extremist behavior.

According to army sources, one of those arrested confessed that another suicide attack was

planned to take place in a major city in Israel, but was canceled after the explosive device went off on a roof of the home of another arrested man.

The sources added that similar attacks were planned for the Petah Tikva central market, and against buses running on main roads in the territories. In the village of Zawiye, an underground arms and ammunition storage room was found, containing explosives and IDF uniforms.

The arrests were made in Kalkilya and Nablus and in the villages of Karawet Bani-Hassan, Zawiye, Ra'afat, Mescha and Hirbat Ras Atiya. They bring to 400 the total number of Hamas members arrested this month.

Several of those arrested are suspected of as-

ALON PINKAS and DAN IZENBERG

sisting and harboring Salah Nazez, the suicide terrorist who blew himself up with the No. 5 bus in Tel Aviv, killing 22 people and wounding dozens of others.

According to intelligence compiled since the attack, Nazez found refuge in a Kalkilya apartment while on the run from the GSS. His family, apparently aware that he intended to carry out an attack in Tel Aviv, moved him to Karawet Bani-Hassan. There he met Ilye Ayash, who prepared the explosive device and taught Nazez how to use it.

Ayash is believed to be a self-taught expert on homemade explosive devices and is widely regard-

ed as responsible for planning several attacks in the last two years. According to the GSS, Ayash also filmed the video clip showing Nazez explaining his intention to commit a suicide attack.

One of the arrested activists said in his interrogation yesterday that in July, Ayash escaped from a Hamas safe house in Nablus, shortly before the IDF laid siege to the house and killed Ali Atzi and Bashir Amudi, two wanted activists.

Four of those arrested yesterday were expelled by Israel to Lebanon in 1992, and one is believed to have delivered the explosives prepared by Ayash to Nazez.

In calling for more far-reaching action against Islamic fundamentalist extremists in the US, Bei-

lin said that after watching a film aired last week on the subject, he had contacted American Jewish officials to discuss what could be done to stop the extremists' activities.

"The most far-reaching thing is to change the [US] law," said Beilin. "Only by changing the law will the authorities be able to take substantial measures against manifestations that are intolerable in a democratic country."

"It is difficult to change the law, but not impossible," he said. "There is a not insignificant chance [of doing so]."

Beilin said the US could also use its tough immigration laws to deport those directly involved in illegal activities.

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Peace accord has 'failed the test'

SARAH HONIG and DAVID RUDGE

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Sarid: IDF will not pull out from all Palestinian areas in territories

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL will not stage an across-the-board redeployment of its troops from Palestinian population centers in the territories, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Instead, it will withdraw from some areas, partially pull back from others, and remain in certain areas, he said.

Acknowledging differences of opinion with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has vowed not to move settlements during the interim period, Sarid insisted that this would be necessary even during the current phase.

Sarid said about 10 unspecified settlements should be moved to coincide with the IDF redeployment, and listed informal criteria for which settlements in the territories should be moved.

He said settlements likely to be moved are "those settlements that are far away, alone, with long roads that can only be reached by going through many Arab areas, [or] near densely populated Arab areas," and which required a large number of troops to protect.

Sarid's remarks came just as Rabin suggested in Hebron yesterday that the IDF may not withdraw from that city.

Under the Oslo accord, Israel is supposed to pull back from Arab population centers in the territories on the eve of Palestinian elections for a self-rule council. Negotiations on expanding Palestinian self-rule throughout the territories are to begin next week in Cairo.

In an apparent bid to reassure settlers, Rabin said during the visit that "Hebron presents a special problem in negotiations with the Palestinians. It will be necessary to check to what extent it is possible to hold elections without the [army] leaving Hebron." Approximately 450 Jews live in Hebron among 80,000 Palestinians.

Rabin went so far as to sug-



Standing on a rampart of the Machpela Cave yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin makes a point to OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran during a briefing on security arrangements. Story, Page 2.

gest to reporters that Israel would try to see whether Palestinian elections could be held without any IDF redeployment.

"We'll check if it is possible to hold elections without necessarily withdrawing from Arab population centers. However, this is all subject to negotiations," he said.

It is improbable that the Palestinians will accept this. When Rabin suggested last week that the IDF would only redeploy during

the three-day election period, Palestinian negotiators dismissed this as a violation of the Oslo accord.

Rabin's statement drew immediate condemnation from Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe. "Once again Rabin is trying to retreat from implementing the treaty by inventing more excuses and ideas that are totally rejected by the Palestinians," Natshe said.

But when asked if he thought the Palestinians would accept his

"halfway" proposal, Sarid suggested they had little choice. "If they don't understand this, they will understand," Sarid said.

He insisted this was not a violation of the DOP, since that accord was a declaration of principles, worded broadly enough so as to provide Israel and Palestinians with flexibility in implementation.

Article 13 of the DOP calling for IDF redeployment does not explicitly say that a pullback will

occur from all Palestinian population centers.

Sarid said, however, that it is not feasible for Israel to remain in all the settlements.

"Under the agreement we are not obligated to move a settlement during the interim period. But if unilaterally we think this is the thing to do, then we should do it when the IDF redeploy. Why not? Why would this be catastrophic?" he asked.

Levine named OC Northern Command

MAJ.-GEN. Amiram Levine was yesterday named the new OC Northern Command, replacing Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, who has served in the post for the past three years. The appointment takes effect on Friday.

Levine's candidacy was considered controversial because he was the "responsible officer" for the Sayeret Matkal exercise at Tze'elim where a missile misfired, killing five soldiers and wounding six.

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin appointed Levine, 48, after accepting the recommendation of outgoing Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and receiving the consent of the chief of staff-designate, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak. No other candidates were seriously considered for the post, regarded as the IDF's most prestigious field commission.

Handpicked by Barak for the post over a year ago, Levine un-



Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine. (IDF Spokesman)

derwent a bypass operation in October, which delayed the announcement of the appointment. However, Levine was given a clean bill of health by the chief IDF medical officer, who said he was physically capable of handling the demands of the job.

Senior army sources said last night Levine had more experience and seniority than any other potential candidates for the post. "This goes for every major-general in the current General Staff. He was virtually the only viable candidate," said the source.

Following an investigation into the Tze'elim-2 accident, Levine took a voluntary leave of absence from his commission as a Corps Commander. When the Judge Advocate General, Brig.-Gen. Ilan Schiff, reviewed the case, he advised Barak that Levine and Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy, head of intelligence, could be found

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World Bank gives PA \$58m emergency credit

LAMIA LAHOUD
BRUSSELS

THE World Bank signed an accord with PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday for \$58 million in credit to the Palestinian Authority for emergency projects.

The grant was provided by Saudi Arabia (\$30m.), Denmark (\$18m.), and Switzerland (\$10m.).

Cairo Koch-Weser, World Bank vice-president for the Middle East and North Africa, said the funds will be invested in medium-range infrastructure projects which will improve the living conditions of the Palestinian population.

"This is a very important milestone on the road to reconstruction and bringing relief and support to the Palestinian people," Koch-Weser told a news conference in Brussels.

The agreement was signed hours before the major donors were due to meet in Brussels to discuss how to pay out urgently needed money already promised to the Palestinians.

World Bank sources said the recent clashes in Gaza between Hamas and the Palestinian Police had pressured the donors to start funneling the pledged money to the Palestinian Authority.

Arafat said the international community had a moral and political responsibility towards the Palestinian people because they have failed to implement UN resolutions and have left the Palestinian people to be victims.

He said Israel had

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Number of HIV carriers declining

JUDY SIEGEL

THE number of new HIV carriers in Israel has declined this year, but Health Minister Ephraim Sneh warned yesterday against AIDS apathy in the health system.

During the first 11 months of this year, 135 people were discovered to have AIDS, compared with 174 for all of 1993.

According to the ministry, 307 Israelis have developed AIDS - 277 men and 30 women - and 224 of them have already died. Sixteen

White Hanukka over weekend?

SNOW may fall in the country's hilly regions by the end of the week, according to the forecast calling for wintry weather.

The cold, wet weather that has affected most parts of the country for the past few days seems set to turn even colder.

The forecast for today is for more of the same, with strong winds making the cooler-than-average temperatures seem even colder. The rain is expected to intensify by the end of the week.

Thick fog was reported in several places last night, prompting police to reiterate warnings to motorists to take extra care on the roads and keep a safe distance from other vehicles. David Rudge

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IDF seals Wachsmann kidnappers' homes

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UNDER a heavy police guard, the IDF yesterday sealed the eastern Jerusalem homes of the three Hamas members involved in last month's kidnap-murder of Nahshon Wachsmann.

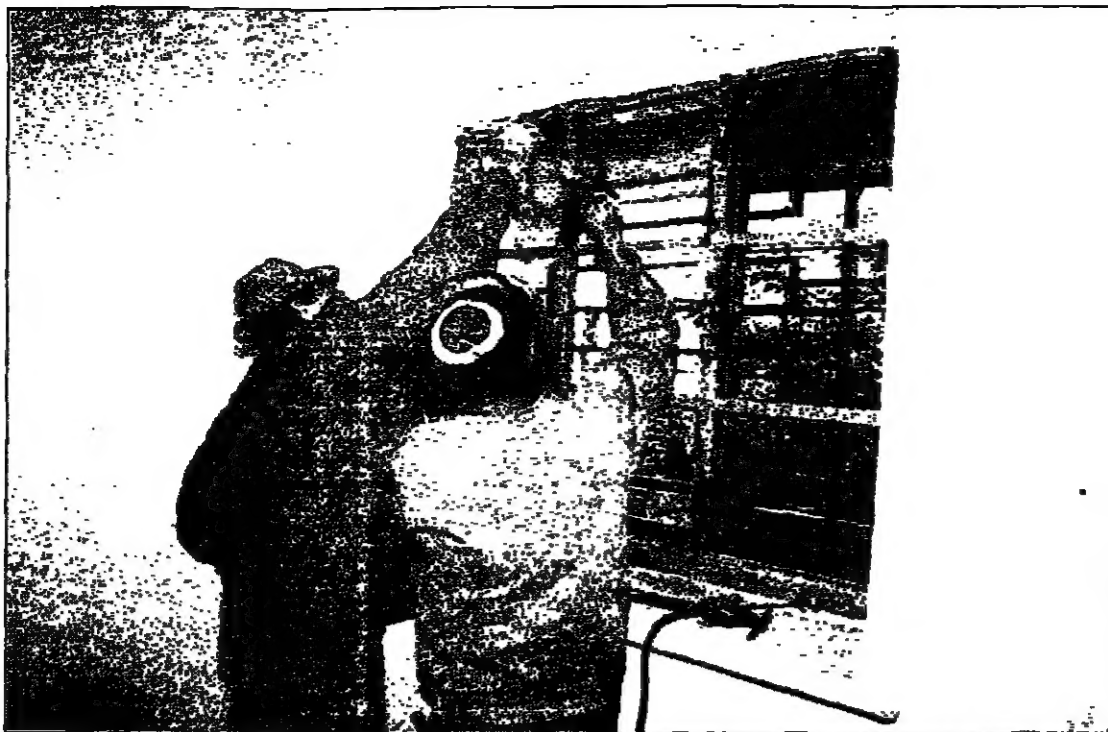
At about 9 a.m., police and Border Police surrounded the homes - two in Beit Hanina and one in Ras el-Amud - while the IDF construction branch sealed the structures.

There were no disturbances in the neighborhoods during the work, but neighbors and relatives gathered in the area and shouted at the police.

The homes in Beit Hanina belonged to Abed Karim Bader, who was killed by IDF gunfire during the failed attempt to rescue Wachsmann, and Hassan Jihad Yagmur, an alleged accomplice.

The home in Ras el-Amud belonged to the family of Tasir Natche, who was also killed during the rescue attempt.

Ziad Elhativ, a resident of Beit Hanina said collective



IDF soldiers seal the eastern Jerusalem home of one of the terrorists involved in the kidnap-murder of Nahshon Wachsmann (Isaac Harari)

punishment only increased and encouraged terror.

He said parents should not be held responsible for the actions of their adult children. The sealing of the home reflected discrimination against Arab residents, he said, noting that the home of Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Arabs, was not sealed.

The measure coincided with a remand hearing in Lod Military Court against Yagmur, 27, and Zakariya Luthi Najib, 38.

"We are dealing here with a crime that carries the death penalty," an army prosecutor told the court.

The prosecution alleged that Yagmur wore a beard and kippa to lure the hitchhiking Wachsmann into the kidnappers' car.

It said Najib provided the keys to the house in Bir Nabala, where the soldier was held and delivered food to the kidnappers.

The two will be detained until the end of legal proceedings against them.

Rabin: We won't make dangerous concessions to Syria

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he would not make concessions to Syria that could endanger the nation's security, dismissing charges of Israeli obstinacy by Damascus.

His remarks came a day after Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara blamed Israel for the deadlock in the peace negotiations.

Rabin said it was up to Syria and not Israel to make the next move.

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said that though the peace talks with Syria may be deadlocked, the process is far from being dead. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram declared yesterday.

"It's true that there has not been any breakthrough and that the prime minister has been expressing more pessimism since his visit to the US," Baram told The Jerusalem Post.

"I think President Clinton had also had greater expectations from his meeting with [Syrian President] Assad."

"Nevertheless, [peace with Syria] is a central strategic target of the government and I'm still hopeful we can advance it," Baram said.

He derided Shara's claims that Israel had rejected the hand of peace that Syria had extended.

"They have not proposed peace. They want us to agree to a full withdrawal [from the Golan Heights] even before negotiations," said Baram.

Baram stressed, however, that the peace process with Syria was by no means dead and he expected the coming two years to be significant.

"I truly expect 1995 and especially 1996 to be years of big progress in the matter [of peace with Syria]," he said.

Baram spoke with reporters during a visit to Haifa, responding to intensive efforts by Mayor Amram Mitzna to promote tourism and the construction of new hotels and attractions.

Meanwhile, the Golan Residents Committee yesterday vowed to continue its campaign against any withdrawal from the Golan.

Katzrin local council chairman Sammy Bar-Lev, who was among a delegation of residents who met on Monday night with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said it appeared the government was still determined to press ahead with the peace talks.

"We weren't able to get from Rabin any details about the scope of any proposed withdrawal, so as far as we are concerned the situation remains the same," said Bar-Lev.

The committee intends to launch a nationwide propaganda campaign in the near future with the aim of mobilizing public support to keep the Golan under Israeli rule.

The campaign is aimed at reaching every city, town and village in the country.

Rabin meets with settlers in Hebron

HERB KEINON

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin toured Hebron yesterday to review security arrangements at the Machpela Cave and to meet with settlers, who are wary of an IDF pullout from Arab cities.

Rabin met for nearly an hour with four settlement leaders in a meeting described by Uri Ariel.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. H.E. Ambassador of Ethiopia, Madam Kongit Sinegiorgis, will address the club.

head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, as "businesslike."

Ariel said the settlement leaders asked Rabin what will happen in cities like Kfar Sava when the IDF withdraws from Palestinian cities in advance of the elections to the Palestinian Authority. "We asked him if the IDF will be able to chase terrorists into Kalkilya if there is a shooting near Kfar Sava, or if the IDF will have to stop, like they do in Gaza," Ariel said.

"He did not give us any concrete answers," Ariel said. "He said this is a very difficult and complicated problem, and that we will draw on the experience

learned from Gaza. He did not elaborate."

Ariel said Rabin reiterated that no settlements will be moved during the interim period of the agreement with the PLO.

Joining Ariel at the meeting were Ron Shehner, head of the Hebron Hills Regional Council, Zvi Katsover, head of the Kiryat Arba local council, and Ze'ev Hever, a Kiryat Arba resident and director of Amarna, Gush Etzion's settlements division. This group met with Rabin last month as well, prior to the reopening of the Machpela Cave. Yesterday's meeting, according to Ariel, was initiated by the Prime Minister's Office.

Regarding the Machpela Cave, which reopened last month, Rabin said more time is needed to test out the current division in the cave before deciding whether there is room for any changes. Ariel said. The cave is now physically divided, with a section for Moslems and a section for Jews. The larger Yitzhak Hall in the cave is currently in Moslem hands, a point of contention to many of the settlers in the area who also want access to that hall.

The prime minister toured the cave yesterday, and received an explanation from OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran about the security arrangements there.

As Rabin approached the cave, Benzion Vataro, a Kiryat Arba activist, shouted repeatedly at him. "Rabin, you have no right to give up the Machpela Cave and Hebron."

In addition to visiting Hebron, Rabin went to the site near Beit Hagai where Otniel Rabbi Amiram Olami was murdered by terrorists on Sunday. Rabin spoke there to a couple of Beit Hagai residents who were among the first on the scene after the attack.

Ten Jews arrested for trying pray on Temple Mount

HERB KEINON

TEN Jews, including former prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendeleitch and former Jewish underground member Yehuda Etzion, were arrested yesterday trying to go to the Temple Mount to pray.

According to Jerusalem Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby, a group of Jews tried to enter the Temple Mount through an entrance near the Lion's Gate. When the police told them they could not go up to the site, they tried to force their way up, and a scuffle broke out between the group and police and Wakf officials.

Temple Mount Faithful head Gershon Salomon said the 10 were affiliated with a group called Eretz Yisrael, which, along with the Temple Mount Faithful, advocates reclaiming the Temple Mount and building the Third Temple.

Jerusalem lawyer Shmuel Cas-

per, representing the group, said those arrested were hit by Wakf officials.

The 10 arrested men are scheduled to be brought before a judge today for a remand hearing.

Etzion was one of the leaders of the Jewish underground exposed in the early 1980s, and spent some five years in jail for planning to blow up the Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount.

Jews are not allowed to pray on the Temple Mount. Any Jew with a kippa trying to enter the Temple Mount area has his name recorded and is accompanied by a police officer to make sure he doesn't pray. Jews without kippot are allowed access to the Temple Mount as tourists during specific hours of the day.

According to Salomon, members of Eretz Yisrael go up to the Temple Mount every Tuesday.

Beit Jala Palestinian man prefers jail to marriage

HERB KEINON

AN 18-year-old Palestinian went to Jerusalem's Gilo quarter to stab Jews yesterday because his parents fixed him up to marry a woman he didn't like.

The youth, from Beit Jala just south of Bethlehem, was arrested in Gilo after he asked a local resident where the police station was, told the resident he was a Hamas member, and showed him his knife. The resident called the police.

According to Jerusalem Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby, the man, who admitted to his interrogators that he was a Hamas member, said he intended to stab Jews and be arrested to get out of the impending marriage.

In another incident, the IDF spokesman reported that a 19-year-old woman from Si'ir, northeast of Hebron, was arrested with a kitchen knife near the Machpela Cave at 10 a.m. yesterday morning. The IDF said that she apparently planned to stab a soldier or settler.

ZVILLI

(Continued from Page One) tomorrow to Labor's central committee, when it convenes for a session on the state budget. That meeting is also expected to be stormy, because of the deep discontent in Labor about its economic policies and its failing image.

"A real problem does exist as far as the mood in the party is concerned. We feel we merit better considering our record of achievements," Zvilli argued.

But Zvilli himself continued to voice doubts on the agreement with the PLO.

"We must tell Arafat that the peace deal did not stand the test, certainly not in Jericho and Gaza, and that corrections may have to be made in it," he said.

Zvilli pointed to the commitment to remove troops from city centers in Judea and Samaria. Earlier this week, Zvilli pro-

posed that the government consider slowing down, if not halting the peace process for two years, in view of the worsening security situation since the signing of the Oslo accords.

Zvilli is said to fear that the peace process is going to cost Labor support in the 1996 elections unless the security situation improves.

Baram, however, said he does not believe Rabin or Labor are in serious trouble.

WORLD

(Continued from Page One) left the Palestinian areas without functioning infrastructure.

Jon Immanuel adds: Transfer of the Health and Taxation departments to the Palestinian Authority, set for today, has been delayed due to insufficient funding from donor states, the civil administration said yesterday.

The two departments were to be the last of five to be transferred under the Israel-PLO accord on "early empowerment" for Palestinians outside Gaza and Jericho.

Palestinian Authority Health Minister Riyad Zaanoun said he was not surprised. "From the beginning the transfer was conditioned by the Israeli authorities on a clear signal from the donor countries that they would pay the budget deficits for six months. Two weeks ago they were saying they might postpone it."

LEVINE

(Continued from Page One) responsible. Schiff then received assurances from Barak that Levine would not be promoted, pending a final report and a decision on whether to try him.

Schiff's recommendation was submitted to Barak last February, and both Levine and Saguy were given an "administrative reprimand." Levine was reprimanded for failing to oversee security guidelines and for "an error in judgment" in not devising a detailed security plan.

It was believed that Schiff's recommendation was ameliorated by virtue of Barak's promise not to include him in the General Staff appointments rotation that was scheduled for the summer. Levine's promotion was indeed delayed, until yesterday.

Levine was born in 1946 at Kibbutz Lahavot-Habashan. He enlisted in the IDF in 1965 and

served in the Sayeret Matkal elite reconnaissance unit. He served in the unit during the Six Day War, and was its deputy commander during the Yom Kippur War, when he was wounded. After the war, Levine commanded Sayeret Matkal.

During the Lebanon War, Levine commanded a tank battalion and was again wounded during the invasion of Beirut. He later commanded a tank brigade and an armored division in the Northern Command, and also served as the Northern Command's chief of staff.

In March, 1992, Levine was promoted to the rank of major-general and assigned a corps command. Levine is a graduate of the US Army Command and Staff College, holds a B.A. in Political Science from Haifa University, and studied business administration at MIT in Boston.

Levine is married and has two sons and a daughter.

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Kfar Hayarok junction opens

HAIM SHAPIRO

MANY drivers found themselves tied up in rainy rush-hour traffic in the Tel Aviv area yesterday. But not at the Kfar Hayarok junction, where the traffic was flowing through a new intersection, officially opened earlier in the day with a choir, flag-waving children, and three cabinet ministers, led by Prime Minister Rabin.

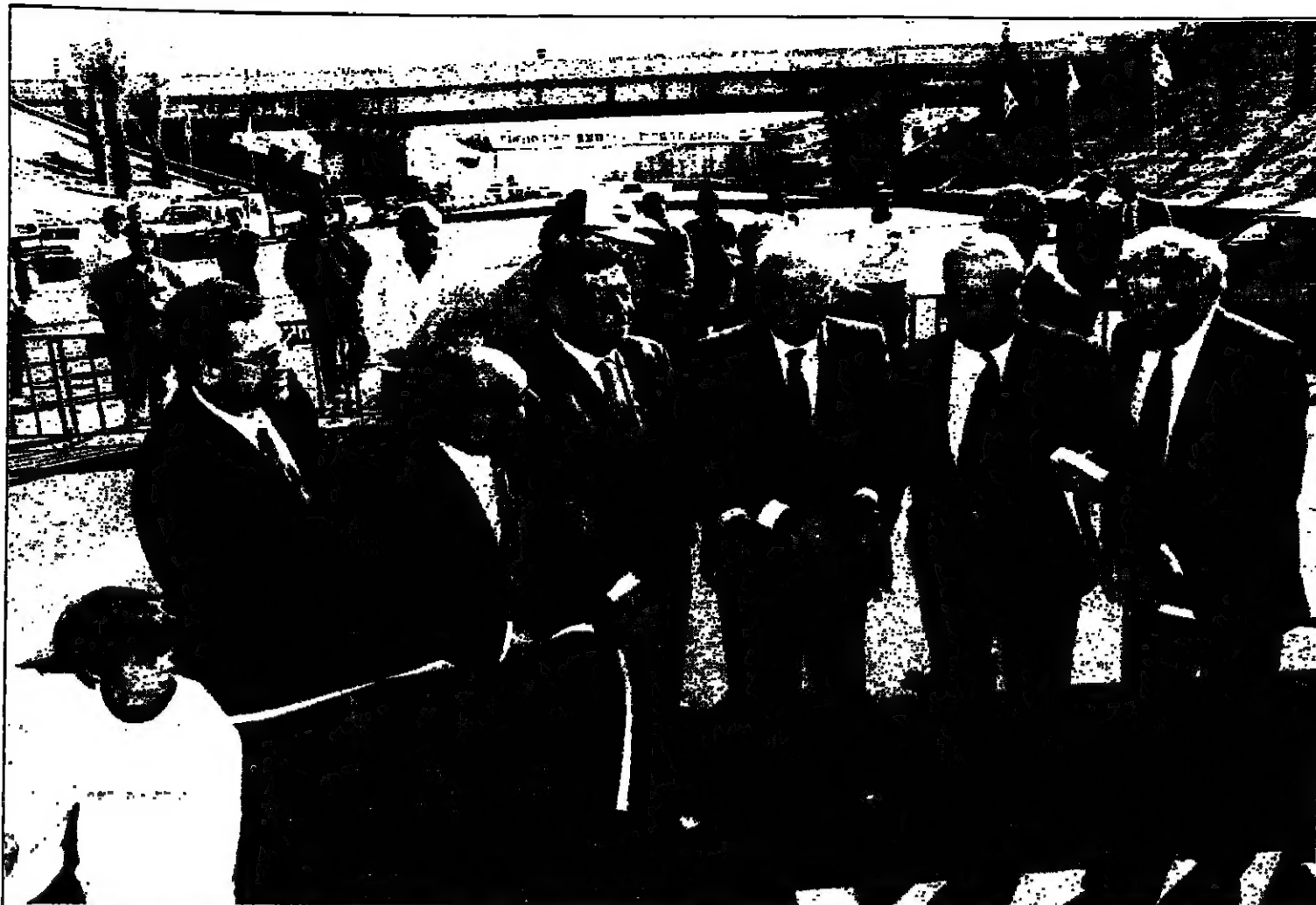
At the ceremony, Rabin said his government set about to change the national priorities with regard to peace and security, and in the realm of supporting education, improving the infrastructure, and reducing unemployment. "It is in these three areas that we will be examined," Rabin said, referring to the elections scheduled in two years.

By the year 2000, Rabin said, Israel would be a modern state in terms of transportation.

Referring to the fact that yesterday was the day the United Nations voted to accept the Palestine partition plan, Rabin said recognition by the world that the Jews had a right to a homeland in the land of Israel was the greatest achievement since the destruction of the Temple.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told those present that within a month, he expected the first bulldozers to begin work on the Trans-Israel Highway. Ben-Eliezer added that the creation of a transportation infrastructure and the reduction of unemployment were interlinked, since it was only with an efficient transport system that workers could have the option of finding work away from their homes.

The Kfar Hayarok crossing, on which work began in June, 1991, is located on the Giliot-Morasha



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (center) joins Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (left) and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat (right) at a ceremony opening the new Kfar Hayarok junction near Ramat Hasharon yesterday. (Yitzhak Eliazar/Scoop80)

Highway, which connects the Geha Highway with the Coastal Road. Through traffic flows below ground level, while drivers

turning to Ramat Hasharon or Bnei Brak go above them at ground level. At a cost of NIS 70 million, it is the most expensive

intersection to be built in Israel. A total of NIS 2.5 million went for acoustic walls and NIS 1.5 million for landscaping.

The next overpass to be completed is the Morasha Junction, the first stage of which is to be ready in two months.

Children's organization demands inquiry into abuse of youth in lockup

RAINE MARCUS

THE Defense for Children International organization is demanding an inquiry into an incident last week in which a 16-year-old youth was abused and attacked by three other youths in a Tiberias lock-up.

The youth had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for assault towards a manager at a hotel he was staying at by court order. While awaiting transfer to a jail, he was imprisoned in the Tiberias police lock-up.

One night, the three other youths in his cell stabbed him, threw burning cigarettes on him, threw burning plastic bags on him, dipped his head in cold water, stabbed him with pins and beat him. They have since been charged with assault, Chief Spt. Reuven Ariav said yesterday.

"We have appointed an examining officer to investigate the circumstances of the incident," said Ariav.

The youth, he said, was in the

lock-up because renovations at the Kishon jail had made several cells there uninhabitable. There were only two beds in the lock-up cell for the four youths.

But DCI claims that the youth was denied proper medical treatment after the attack, and demanded his immediate hospitalization.

"The youth is covered with festering sores and cannot wear shoes," said DCI lawyer Omi Leissner.

Ariav said that he was now getting proper medical treatment by the police doctor.

The youth did not report the incident apparently because he felt threatened by his cellmates.

Around three months ago, a 16-year-old Bnei Brak youth was abused during his detention at the Abu Kabir lock-up. The incident led police to promise to make changes in the conditions under which juvenile prisoners are held.

House Committee considers shortening Knesset plenary sessions

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset House Committee spent four hours yesterday talking about how the Knesset should not talk so much and then decided to talk some more about it today.

The meeting was convened to consider making changes in the Knesset House Rules in the wake of increasingly longer hours during which the Knesset plenum sits. According to Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, the average plenary session in the current Knesset is 30 percent longer than in the previous one.

Committee chairman Hagai Merom said the Knesset "was collapsing under the weight of legislation, motions to the agenda and parliamentary queries. The pressure is expressed almost daily as sessions stretch into the night."

However, Likud MKs Dan Tichon and Michael Eitan accused the government of claiming the Knesset was overworked as a pretext for shutting the opposition up. "We shouldn't change a thing," said Tichon.

The committee meeting, which resumes today, came one week after a plenum session lasting 29 hours, including a 19-hour, overnight debate on the law imposing a tax on stock market profits.

However, Weiss said the routine work of the Knesset has also increased drastically. According to the statistics, compiled by the Knesset's computer unit, the number of pages of Knesset minutes has increased by 122%, the number of private member's bills by 139% and the number of parliamentary queries by 39%.

Weiss said the sessions lasting late into the night

make a bad impression on the public because only a handful of MKs remain to participate in them. It also means that important laws are passed by a small number of MKs.

He suggested shortening the length of speeches by MKs and limiting, for the first time in most cases, the length of ministers' speeches. He also proposed that the Knesset meet on Thursdays once in two or three weeks, and that plenary sessions begin an hour earlier on Monday and two hours earlier on Tuesday.

At present, the plenum convenes on Monday and Tuesday at 4 p.m. and on Wednesday at 11 p.m. Most Knesset committees meet on Monday and Tuesday morning. Several committees also meet on Wednesday morning while the Knesset Finance Committee often meets on Sundays and Thursdays as well.

Ran Cohen (Meretz) called for shutting down Channel 3 Knesset broadcasts at about 10 p.m. Currently, the IBA-run channel beams the proceedings in their entirety.

Tichon said he did not oppose beginning plenary sessions earlier, but "under no circumstances should we determine when they will end."

Eitan, under the mistaken impression that Merom intended to hold a vote on the various proposals at the end of yesterday's meeting, shouted at him: "Okay then, we'll meet on the street [i.e. in the election campaign]."

"Why the street?" one of the MKs asked. "Because that's the only place left for us to speak out," retorted Eitan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lessees get a break from Lands Administration

THE Israel Lands Administration plans to offer apartment-dwellers paying annual lease fees the chance to pay a one-time sum come next April. Michael Cohen, spokeswoman for the I.L.A., said the offer would be extended to 168,000 lessees living in buildings of four or more apartments throughout the country. The new plan will save lessees 50% to 70%, according to the I.L.A. She said that for a one-time payment of an average of NIS 2,000, the need to pay an agreement fee to the administration will be canceled, and the lease will be extended an additional 49 years, from the time of payment. The fee will be figured separately for each lessee, and will be a few hundred shekels for smaller apartments in development areas, and higher in more affluent districts.

Tombstones vandalized on Mt. of Olives

Five tombstones in the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives were destroyed early yesterday morning. The tombstones are located near that of former prime minister Menachem Begin. In recent weeks, tombstones in the Sephardi and American section of the cemetery have been vandalized.

Tsur: Vegetable prices to drop soon

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said yesterday that within a few days vegetable prices should begin to drop.

Tsur was on a tour of the Ramat Hanegev Regional Council, during which he met with researchers developing new agricultural products. He said that tomato harvests have begun this week, and vegetables are now being imported from Gaza.

Amir Rozenblit

Tourist No. 2,000,000 for '94 arriving today

The Tourism Ministry is expecting the two millionth tourist of 1994 to arrive today, making this year a record for tourism.

The tourist - Marian Graves of Albany, New York, on her first visit to Israel - will be welcomed beside the plane by Tourism Minister Uzi Baram in a festive ceremony. She will receive a special certificate, as well as a refund of her travel expenses.

Petition filed against road in Hebron

The High Court of Justice yesterday gave the state 45 days to justify its plans to build a major road in the northern section of Hebron, which will serve as a connecting link between several existing roads.

The order was in response to a petition by the Hebron City Council, which argued that the road's planners had considered Israel's interests exclusively, ignoring the needs of the local population.

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 12, 20, 35, 39, 40, 49 and the additional number was 24. In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, nine of hearts, jack of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

Poll: Immigrant scientists considered outstanding by their Israeli-born peers

BATSHEVA TSUR

MOST veteran Israeli scientists consider immigrant academics at their institutes among the five leading scientists there, according to a recent poll.

The survey was carried out in January at the request of the Science Ministry, and encompassed 400 top veteran Israelis at institutes of higher learning and research, who were asked to name the top five scientists with whom they worked.

The findings were announced yesterday at a meeting of the aliyah cabinet which discussed the Giladi plan for absorbing 500 leading immigrant scientists who are likely to find themselves without work when absorption grants run out.

Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, who is to present the Giladi plan to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat today, called on the Treasury to realize the difficulties of absorbing immigrant scientists.

He said that some 70% of them absorbed in industry and 50% of those in higher education are still working there although their grants have run out. Another 10% have found other jobs, but the remainder are not employed in scientific fields.

The Public Council for Soviet Jewry called on Shohat to set aside a special budget for 40 leading scientists who had been Prisoners of Zion in the CIS and were currently unemployed because of their age.

Border Police officer charged with raping his two sisters-in-law

RAINE MARCUS

A BORDER Police officer suspected of raping his two sisters-in-law five years ago was remanded in custody for five days in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 40-year-old man from the North, whose name was banned from publication, denied all allegations.

The case surfaced two weeks ago when the suspect's 25-year-old sister-in-law complained to police that he had raped her on an army base five years ago. Police transferred the case to the Justice Ministry's investigations department.

which launched an undercover investigation.

Shortly after the first complaint, the woman's sister also complained that she had been raped twice by the officer five years ago, once at his home and once at her brother's home.

But defense lawyers Sassy Gez and Moshe Sucami argued that it was strange that complaints were filed five years after the alleged incidents.

There is no other evidence to suggest that the suspect committed the offenses apart

from the women's statements, given a long time afterwards," said the lawyers.

Police said in court that the women's family members refused to give evidence or support their claims, preferring to "settle the matter within the family."

The first complaint was apparently filed after the woman consulted a rape crisis center.

Judge Yehuda Tsaban ordered police to continue their investigation while the man was in custody and to try to persuade the family to testify.

Rubinstein: New bagrut exam system to start this academic year

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Education Ministry plans to introduce its new matriculation (bagrut) examination system for twelfth-graders during the current academic year, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein announced yesterday after a meeting with heads of the country's institutes of higher learning.

Under the new arrangement, the ministry will announce during the Passover vacation which three examinations which will not be mandatory for the matriculation examinations of that year. The three subjects will be chosen from a list of seven.

If a student chooses not to be examined in any of those three subjects at the national level, his class grade will appear on his matriculation certificate.

Schools will be obliged to hand in the class grades in all subjects to the ministry before the vacation.

In other subjects, the matriculation exam mark will continue to constitute 50% of the final grade in a subject, with the class grade forming the other 50%.

German painter Gerhard Richter gets Wolf Prize

German painter Gerhard Richter was awarded the 1994-95 Wolf Prize for the arts, the Wolf Foundation announced yesterday.

Richter was chosen for the \$100,000 prize "for his vast artistic activity which has influenced the contemporary art scene of the past three decades," the foundation said.

Richter, 62, lives in Cologne. His work, ranging from the traditional to the avant-garde, has been displayed in museums and art galleries throughout Europe and America.

The Wolf Foundation was established in 1975 by Ricardo Wolf, a German-born diplomat and philanthropist who emigrated to Cuba and served as Cuban ambassador to Israel, where he died in 1981. AP



BINGO
Play it at home.

Chechen capital bombed despite Yeltsin ultimatum

Russian leader may declare state of emergency

THREE planes bombed the capital of Russia's rebel region of Chechnya yesterday and set its airport ablaze just hours after President Boris Yeltsin ordered both sides to stop fighting.

Yeltsin, trying to end a conflict between Chechen leaders who have declared independence from Russia and Moscow-backed opposition forces, said he would declare a state of emergency if the two sides did not halt the bloodshed within 48 hours.

"Bearing in mind that Chechnya is a republic of the Russian Federation, we cannot stand aside from the bloodshed," he said.

Hours later, the three unidentified planes swept over the airport in Grozny and above positions of troops loyal to Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev on the outskirts of the city.

The Russian news agency Interfax quoted a top official at the airport, which has been closed for more than a month, as saying 10 people were killed in the attack but reporters on the scene could not confirm the casualties.

Russia has openly backed the opposition to Dudayev, but denies providing military assistance. It says mercenaries are fighting on both sides.

But Dudayev said the jet attack was the latest sign that Russia is arming and leading the opposition forces.

"Here you see the situation with your own eyes," he told reporters

at a news conference, minutes after the jets flew low over the city and anti-aircraft fire rang out. "You hear and have seen the plane go down."

Government forces said they had shot down one of the planes but the report could not be independently confirmed. No side claimed responsibility for the air strike.

The Yeltsin ultimatum followed a flare-up of fighting at the weekend in the north Caucasian region on Russia's southern rim.

He gave Dudayev and the opposition 48 hours to lay down their arms, disband all armed units and release all prisoners.

"If the deadline is not met, a state of emergency will be introduced on the territory of the Chechen republic and all the forces and means at the disposal of the state will be used to put a stop to the bloodshed," the statement said.

It was not clear how Russia would enforce a state of emergency, though the statement's wording implied troops might be sent in to control a region which is viewed by Moscow as a haven for terrorists and mafia crooks.

Chechen authorities dismissed the ultimatum. "The Soviet Union could not crush Afghanistan. [Moscow] is nobody now but they want to have another Afghanistan," Chechen Foreign Minister Shamsedin Yusef told reporters, referring to a war in which about 13,000 Soviet soldiers were killed. (Reuters)



The 'No' side celebrates victory Monday night in the Norwegian referendum on joining the EU.

EU leaders disappointed by Norwegian rejection

THOMAS GINSBERG
OSLO

EUROPEAN Union leaders expressed disappointment yesterday over Norway's rejection of membership in the union, and warned that the Nordic country must "bear the consequences" of being outside the growing trade and political bloc.

Norway said "No" 52.2 percent to 47.8 percent in a referendum Monday, which followed weeks of bitter campaigning.

"We respect the Norwegian people's desire for independence but they must now bear the consequences of their own decision in a fast-developing, wider Europe," said Pauline Green, a British member of the European Parliament.

France's minister for European affairs, Alain Lamassoure, told Radio France International that Norwegians now must live with the consequences.

"The Norwegian people are taking the risk of living right next to an enormous economic alliance

whose rules will be imposed on it," Lamassoure said.

The decisive rejection was the second time Norway has opted out of the community, following a "No" in 1972.

It also kept the EU from claiming a clean sweep this year in its campaign to bring in four wealthy newcomers. Sweden, Finland and Austria all voted to join the bloc.

"It was the people who made the decision, and we as a country have to live with that," said Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland after a tense night of vote counting that failed to reveal a clear result for hours.

With more than 99.1 percent of votes counted, officials said 52.2 percent had said "Yes" and 47.8 percent said "No." Turnout topped 88 percent, unusually high

for a referendum. EU opponents were ecstatic.

"With this, we have said 'Yes' to Europe and 'Yes' to international solidarity, but we don't want to join the Union," said a beaming anti-EU leader, Anne Enger Lahnstein.

The "No" side claimed membership would mean submitting to rule from Brussels, and that open borders would have brought immigrants, illegal drugs and crime.

Proponents of EU membership said with Sweden and Finland joining the EU, a "no" vote would leave Norway isolated and cost jobs and exports.

Even without Norway, the union will grow to 15 members encompassing some 370 million people between the Arctic Circle and the Mediterranean Sea.

And Hungary and Poland, both former Soviet Bloc nations, are eager to join. (AP)

British government chooses tight budget over popularity

Major survives confidence vote over increased payments to EU

LONDON (AP) - Britain's unpopular Conservative government announced a tight-fisted annual budget yesterday, saying it will not sacrifice low inflation and higher growth for short-term popularity.

Treasury chief Kenneth Clarke announced a drop of more than £1 billion (\$1.56 billion) in the budget deficit for this fiscal year, froze state spending for the next three years, and said people with jobs could expect no new tax concessions.

He raised gasoline taxes by 2.5 pence per liter (14.7 cents per gallon).

But, apparently wary of threats of new rebellion by dissident Conservative legislators, Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke announced a generous package to lessen the effects on old people of

a controversial tax on domestic fuel.

"We mustn't change our minds now for the sake of short-term popularity," Clarke told a packed House of Commons, to jeers from the opposition Labor Party.

Labor has been more than 20 points ahead of the Conservatives in opinion polls for the past two years, despite economic recovery.

Clarke announced the budget a day after Prime Minister John Major survived a confidence vote over increased payments to the European Union.

However, eight Conservative dissidents voted against the government and were immediately expelled from the parliamentary caucuses - technically wiping out Major's 14-seat majority in the 651-member House of Commons.

Party managers hope that rebels' wish to get back in the caucus will improve their voting record.

But Major faces a new revolt next week over the second stage of an increase to 17.5 percent of the tax on domestic heating fuels. Major said earlier he would not make this an issue of confidence.

Clarke painted a rosy economic outlook.

He forecast inflation at 2.5 percent in 1995 and economic growth at 3.25 percent, lower than the 4 percent this year but still among the highest in west European countries.

Reverting to a policy that the Conservatives were forced to abandon by recession and a currency debate two years ago, Clarke predicted a balanced budget by 1997.

3 Serbs killed in area under UN control

ZAGREB (Reuters) - Three Serb soldiers were killed in a "serious incident" in a UN-monitored cease-fire area between Croatia and Serb-held Krajina, the United Nations said yesterday.

The Krajina Serb army protested to the UN force in charge of the sector and accused Croatian forces of ambushing its men.

Nepalese UN troops patrolling near the Zagreb-Belgrade highway on Monday heard firing in the area of Pracic forest and later discovered three bodies.

"One had been killed outright, the two others were badly wounded in legs, shoulder and chest and appear to have been shot at close range," said a UN spokesman.

Indian rebel land mine kills at least 10

NEW DELHI (AP) - Land mines reportedly planted by a left-wing extremist group fighting for peasants' rights killed at least eight policemen and two civilians yesterday.

It was the second fatal explosion in four days, and the country's election commissioner said he was watching to see whether to postpone voting for state legislators in the districts affected by the insurgency due to be held next Monday.

The explosion occurred in Andhra Pradesh state where the Maoist Peoples War Group is active. Indian News of India reported.

Policemen on patrol duty and two unidentified men stepped on the land mines in Urugonda village, the news agency said. The area is 1,500 kilometers south of New Delhi.

The blast also left at least 12 people injured. They included five policemen who were hospitalized with serious injuries, Press Trust of India news agency said.

The explosions appeared timed to disrupt the state elections, which the Peoples War Group opposes.

Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan told foreign correspondents he did not plan yet to call off the elections in the disturbed districts.

"If 48 hours before we feel it won't be a free and fair election, we can postpone it," he said, referring to about 30 of the state's 292 constituencies.

Dan Quayle hospitalized

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Former Vice President Dan Quayle was hospitalized for treatment of a blood clot in one lung, weeks before he was expected to announce a run for the White House.

Quayle, 47, was admitted to University Hospital on Monday evening after experiencing shortness of breath at home, hospital spokeswoman Pam Perry said. His wife, Marilyn, was with him in the hospital.

Quayle was receiving anti-coagulants in an attempt to dissolve the clot in his lung, Perry said.

"The doctors are very optimistic about Mr. Quayle's condition right now," she said Tuesday. "He is progressing very nicely."

Doctors expect he'll recover completely, but he's expected to remain in the hospital for about a week, Perry said.

The illness wasn't expected to hurt Quayle's potential bid for the presidency, said Ann Hathaway, executive director of Issues '96, Quayle's multi-candidate political action committee.

"Obviously, it's uncertain when he'll be able to resume his schedule. Long term, he'll be fine and this shouldn't affect his political future at all," Hathaway said.

Waldheim lobbies for UN invitation

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim is lobbying Arab nations in his efforts to be invited to the 50th anniversary celebrations of the United Nations next year, diplomats said yesterday.

Waldheim, through his close supporter, Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock, spoke to ambassadors from Arab states based in Vienna about including him in the celebrations if former secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar attended.

Arab diplomats said the issue was raised at an Arab group meeting in New York last Friday but the group took no action. But they said most members would have no objection to Waldheim attending if the United

Nations decided to invite Perez de Cuellar, the only other living former UN secretary-general.

"But there is a catch: the United States will allow him into the country and the United Nations appears to want to avoid a showdown. The dispute may cost Perez de Cuellar his invitation."

Waldheim, a former president of Austria, has been accused of concealing his World War II service with a German unit in the Balkans that is alleged to have committed war crimes.

The US Justice Department has put his name on a list of people to be refused entry into the United States because of their association with the Hitler regime. Waldheim has denied any culpability.

Dahmer's killer thought he was son of God

PORTAGE, Wisconsin (Reuters) - Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, who mutilated and cannibalized his victims believing he was the devil, may have been murdered by a violent fellow inmate who thought himself to be the son of God, news reports said yesterday.

Officials named Christopher Scarver, a 25-year-old black inmate, as the chief suspect in Dahmer's beating death. The Milwaukee Journal reported that Scarver had a long history of mental problems, including a belief that he was the son of God.

Scarver, convicted of a 1992 execution-style slaying in Milwaukee, was the other inmate working

on the same janitorial detail with Dahmer, 34, and fellow-inmate Jesse Anderson, 37, who was also beaten in the attack. Scarver was found with blood-splattered clothes.

Prison officials maintained that there was no reason to believe race was a motive in the attack against Dahmer and Anderson, both of whom are white, which took place on Monday at the Columbia Correctional Institution.

Scarver had spent time in the prison's section for mentally ill inmates and took anti-psychotic drugs, but was not viewed as anti-social or violent, a prison official told the Milwaukee Journal.



Christopher Scarver. (AP)



A previously unreleased photograph of The Beatles in 1965 at the BBC. (Reuters)

The Beatles - Yesterday and today

LONDON (Reuters) - The Beatles released their first album in almost 25 years - two hours of live hits unearthed from BBC archives to feed persistent Beatlemania.

"It was like finding Tutankhamun's tomb," BBC producer Kevin Howlett said of the gems he discovered while searching for documentary material on the pop icons of the Sixties.

The 36 songs, recorded for BBC radio shows between 1962 and 1963, were digitally remastered by producer George Martin, collaborator on such Beatles classics as the *Sergeant Pepper* album.

Martin strongly defended the "Live at the BBC" songs. "These tracks showed how good they were live before we started doing the producing tricks," he said.

The album, which is being released worldwide on the same day, was first launched to 250 journalists flown to London from around the world.

One of London's top record stores in Piccadilly Circus arranged to open specially after midnight for die-hard Beatles fans. None of the three surviving Beatles attended but Paul McCartney sent a message of support. John Lennon was shot dead in 1980 by a crazed fan.

The Beatles auditioned in January 1962 to appear in a BBC radio pop show called "Teenager's Turn - Here We Go."

Producer Peter Pilbeam was impressed. "I wrote on their audition report - an unusual group. Not as rocky as most, more country and western with a

tendency to play music."

However his views on their uneven singing performance was blunt: "John Lennon Yes. Paul McCartney No."

They passed the audition and recorded a wide range of tracks which revealed their influences. They ranged from nine Chuck Berry songs to six from Carl Perkins and four by Elvis Presley.

Most are rock classics recorded before they appeared on stage in their native Liverpool and the German port of Hamburg.

The album includes offbeat offerings like John Lennon singing the Ann Margaret hit "I don't understand" and the Fab Four bantering with BBC disc jockeys.

Another producer at the BBC, a strait-laced bastion of the establishment in those days, sounded very disapproving.

Terry Henebery recalls: "They'd come to the studio and horse about. You had to crack the whip and get on the loudspeaker talk-back quite a lot and say 'Come on chaps.' They'd be lying all over the floor giggling."

Beatlemania shows no signs of abating after 30 years - last week the first Beatles record ever played on radio fetched a world record price of \$17,200.

Spanish music entrepreneur Mikel Bansa bought the 1963 Radio Luxembourg recording of "Love Me Do" and now plans to hang it on the wall of his Madrid home.

'60s activist Jerry Rubin dies two weeks after car accident

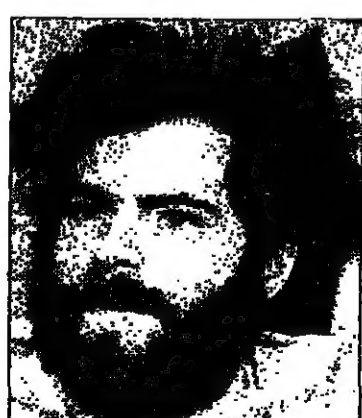
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jerry Rubin, who led flamboyant Vietnam War protests in the United States in the 1960s and became a symbol of his generation's conversion to yuppie capitalism in the 1980s, died two weeks after being hit by a car while jaywalking. He was 56.

Rubin, the Chicago Seven defendant who along with the late Abbie Hoffman was one of the merry pranksters of the counterculture, died Monday, hospital spokesman Angel Bracamontes said. He had been at the University of California-Los Angeles Medical Center since November 14, when he was hit by a car near his Brentwood home.

"He got caught up in the youth rebellions of the '60s," said Tom Hayden, fellow Chicago Seven defendant and now a California state senator. "But he had an organizing instinct. He was a P.T. Barnum. If you will, he had a flair for the dramatic and how to market a message." P.T. Barnum was a 19th-century circus impresario.

Rubin, the son of a Cincinnati trucker turned union leader, founded the Youth International Party, or Yippies, with a band of radicals that included Hoffman and Paul Krassner. They were major players during the bloody demonstrations at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The next year, President Nixon's new administration brought federal conspiracy indictments



Jerry Rubin in 1970. (AP)

against eight radicals, including Rubin and Hoffman, were charged with conspiracy to incite violence and crossing state lines with intent to riot.

Rubin later wrote a political autobiography "Do It: Scenarios of the Revolution," and it became a best seller.

In the 1970s, Rubin wrote another book, "Growing (Up) at 37," and discovered yoga, bioenergetics and a smorgasbord of self-awareness programs that eventually led him to Wall Street. His angle: "networking parties" for yuppie executives.

That didn't sit well with Hoffman, who accused Rubin of selling out while appearing with him in a series of "Yippie-vs.-Yuppie" debates in the mid-1980s.

WORLD BRIEFS

US child pornography ban upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the federal ban on distribution of child pornography, saying it meets constitutional free-speech standards.

Ruling 7-2 in a California case, the court said it interpreted the law to require proof that defendants knew the material involved a sexual performance by someone under age 18.

"The age of the performers is the crucial element separating legal innocence from wrongful conduct," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

British train robbery mastermind dead at 62

LONDON (AP) - Ronald "Buster" Edwards, one of the masterminds of Britain's "great train robbery" of 1963, is dead at 62.

Edwards apparently hung himself in the garage where he stored the flowers he sold since being released from prison in 1975, Scotland Yard said.

At 3:10 a.m. on August 8, 1963, the gang switched a track signal from green to red near Cheddington, Buckinghamshire about 65 kilometers northwest of London.

The train stopped, and the gang overwhelmed two trainmen, making off with more than £2.6 million in cash - worth £25 million (\$40 million) today, an amount unparalleled in British history. Edwards managed to stay underground until 1966 when, weary of constant demands from underworld colleagues, he surrendered to police.

London bobby's hats survive review

LONDON (AP) - The London bobby's pointy hat will remain firmly fixed on his head, unbugged by the winds of change, Scotland Yard said Monday. But the familiar dark blue tunic is on the way out, a committee reviewing the bobby's uniform has decided.

"The helmet is staying for safety reasons but the tunic will be less frequently used and then will only be worn on ceremonial occasions," the Yard said in a statement.

The London bobby's Prussian-style helmet was introduced in 1863.

Giza halts work on road near pyramids

CAIRO — The Egyptian government announced this week it was temporarily halting work on a bypass road that archaeologists say endangers the Giza pyramids — the only survivor among the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Abdul-Rahim Shabata, governor of Giza province, ordered work stopped "until the dispute is resolved between the Ministry of Urban Development and the Department of Archeology," the Middle East News Agency reported.

The step came after Egyptian archeologists joined UNESCO in arguing that pollution and vibrations from the road would harm the pyramids and nearby Sphinx.

The road, which will pass 4 km south of the pyramids, is designed to route traffic around Cairo.

The construction halt was ordered although the road was given the necessary approval 10 years ago — including that of the Antiquities Authority.

UNESCO officials and Egyptian cultural officials said the planned road would add to pollution already being spewed out from roads and other development inching closer to the 4,600-year-old pyramids.

Once isolated in the desert, the pyramids are now at the edge of the fast-growing city. Shabata also ordered all construction work halted in an area of 10 km around the pyramids.

Meanwhile, in Luxor, high prices, poor advertising and security concerns set back the government's attempt to draw in foreign tourists with a \$3.5 million production of Verdi's opera *Aida*, travel agents said.

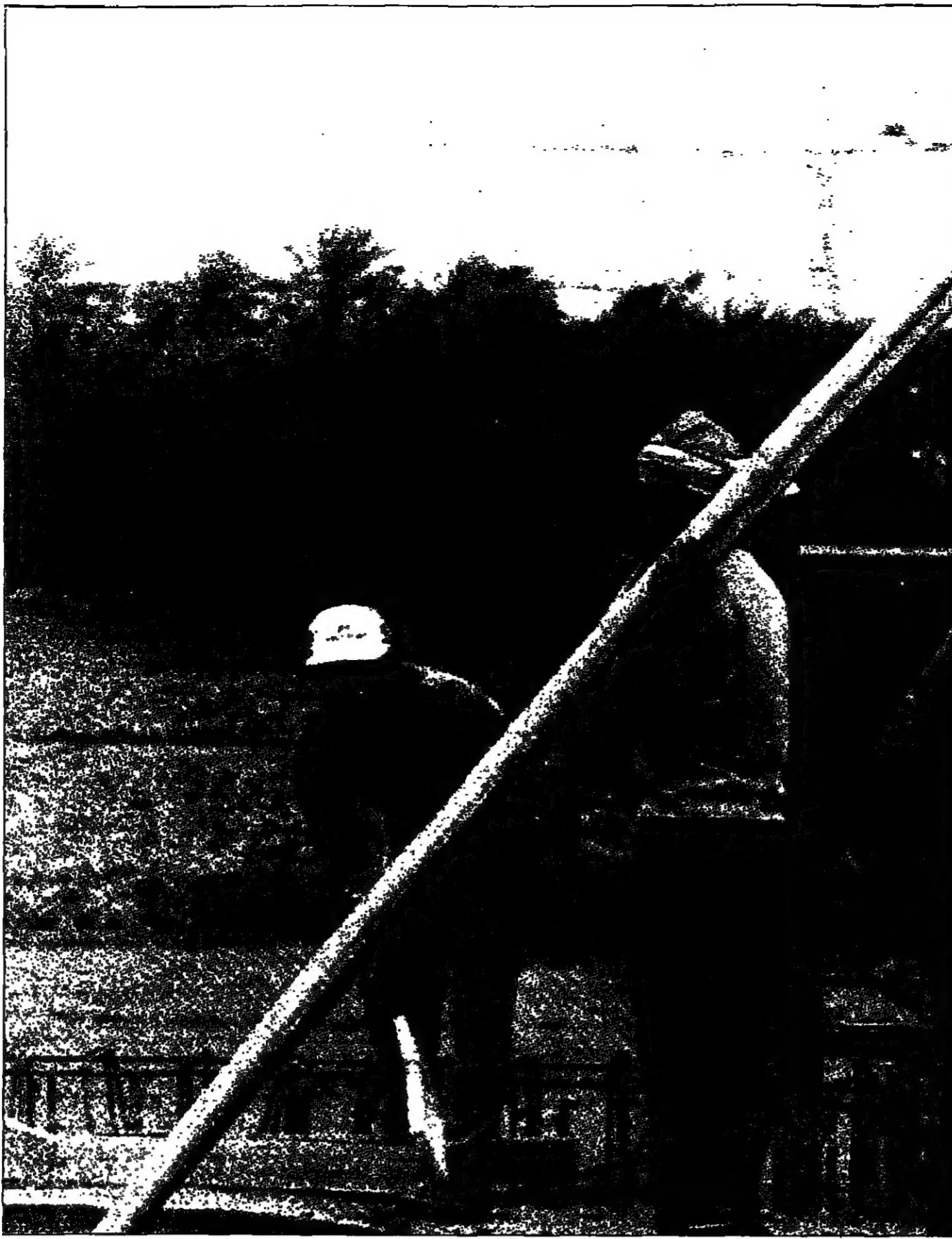
On Saturday, opening night at the pharaonic temple of Queen Hatshepsut, about 75 percent of the seats were filled, many of them with Cairo-based government guests.

The Cairo Opera House, organizers of the event, canceled the last three of six planned performances because they could not fill seats at up to \$350 each.

The government's guests also dominated the \$150-a-head buffet at the luxurious Winter Palace hotel.

The government had hoped the opera would show that all was well in southern Egypt, where Moslem militants have killed seven tourists in a two-year campaign to embarrass the government.

"It's too expensive. I haven't been able to sell any tickets," said a representative of Britain's Thomson Tours. (Agencies)



Construction workers remove scaffolding from a partly completed section of a proposed highway in Giza. (AP)

Assad shuffles intelligence

DOUGLAS DAVIS
LONDON

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad has made additional far-reaching changes in his security and intelligence services in what British analysts interpret as preparations for peace with Israel.

The London-based *Jane's Defence Weekly* quotes sources in Damascus as saying that Brig.-Gen. Majed Sa'id has been dismissed as head of General Intelligence and replaced by Bashir Najjar, former head of the Customs Department.

General Intelligence, a civilian agency run by military officers, is answerable directly to Assad and is ranked second in importance only to Syria's Military Intelligence agency.

At the same time, the head of the Political Security Department, Brig.-Gen. Adnan Badr Hassan, has been replaced by Brig.-Gen. Mohammed Nassif, former deputy head of General Intelligence and a relative of Assad.

Political Security is regarded as the third most influential element in the intelligence apparatus. It oversees the control of political organizations and the surveillance of government departments, student activities and dissidents.

Nassif is reputed to be a highly effective intelligence executive and is thought to have fewer links with terrorist organizations than many other security commanders. He is also less tainted by corruption and the brutal suppression of dissidents.

He is considered to be a rising star and to be in line for assuming control of the complex network of Syrian intelligence agencies.

Such a step would be a major departure for Assad, who has so far preferred to keep his intelligence chiefs in competition with each other to prevent anyone from accumulating enough power to threaten him.

THE LATEST changes follow a major reshuffle of the security hierarchy in August, and, like the earlier changes, have not been officially announced.

The London journal quotes its Damascus sources as saying that Assad appears to be replacing many of his "old-guard, combat-tested officers who have kept him in power since he took over in November 1970 with a new breed of security controllers."

Unlike the old generation, who held field commands from the 1967 and 1973 wars or were instrumental in crushing threats to the Ba'athist regime, many of the new breed are highly educated; several who have been moved into senior positions hold law degrees.

Among the 16 senior officers who were shunted aside in August were Maj.-Gen. Ali Haidar, commander of the elite 15,000-man Special Forces, which is considered to be Assad's praetorian guard, and Brig.-Gen. Shafik Fayyad, who has spearheaded Assad's major military operations over the past 20 years.

These changes are regarded as attempts by Assad to consolidate his power and weaken the less-savory old guard, which was involved in such operations as the "cleansing" of Hama in 1982, in which up to 20,000 members of the dissident Moslem Brotherhood were slaughtered.

The moves are also believed to have been aimed at placating Washington and improving the image of Damascus within Western capitals in anticipation of returning Syria to international respectability.

Significantly, the journal reported, the removal of Haidar, a popular officer and Syria's main link with the Lebanese Hizbullah movement, produced no visible protests within the military.

Algerian security forces kill 49 extremists

ALGERIAN security forces killed 49 armed Islamic extremists over the weekend, bringing the unofficial death tally for November to 391, the bloodiest single month in the three-year insurgency.

The violence was spread over six regions, the official Algerian news agency APS reported.

Government troops lost one man during the clashes, APS said, quoting a statement from security officials.

The member of the security forces was killed in the western town of Mostaganem by two Moslem militants who were slain by security forces shortly afterwards, the officials said.

Twenty of the extremists were killed in one battle in a forest near the eastern town of Constantine, the agency said.

On Sunday, the security forces reported killing 11 Moslem fundamentalists, bringing to 77 the number shot dead last week. It was not clear whether the latest report included the 11. Few details were disclosed of the operations.

The government daily *Horizons* last week quoted government spokesman Ahmed Attafas as saying that the fundamentalists would be brought under control now that the armed forces had been trained and equipped to fight them.

"The security situation will be under control. Our security forces and army were in the past formed and equipped to deal with territory defense exigencies. A time of adaptation and reconversion was needed for our army," he was quoted as saying.

Between 10,000 and 20,000 people, mostly members of the security forces and militants, have been killed in Algeria's political violence since January 1992, when the authorities canceled a general election in which Islamists were poised to win.

The fighting worsened this month when President Liamine Zerrouk ordered an all-out offensive after talks with jailed Islamic leaders on negotiating a way out of the violence fell through.

(News agencies)

Islamic militants step up attacks on intellectuals

RIFAAT Said always used to be one of Cairo's best-loved men-about-town, a man who relished nothing better than a good argument.

As head of Egypt's leftist Teguam Party, he could always be counted on to step out on behalf of Egypt's abundant ranks of the disinherited and to ridicule, with his sharp pen, the excesses of Moslem fundamentalism.

But then Said started getting anonymous messages in the mail, like the one he received only a few weeks ago:

"You dog," it said. "I'll kill you, you atheist. But I will not shoot you. I'll cut you with my knife, and I'll throw your flesh to the dogs to eat, so you won't contaminate holy ground."

Said's life changed dramatically after such venomous missives from Islamic militants started pouring in. Now he travels with his six machine-gun-armed bodyguards. His daughter ducked out of his car at a traffic light the last time she rode with him to school, overwhelmed by the gun barrels bristling out the back window that every once in a while the guards would click into firing mode.

When Said shyly lifts up his jacket, there's a gun in a holster underneath. He doesn't go to parties anymore. He has nearly eliminated his lecture schedule at the American University of Cairo. He doesn't do weddings.

"When they assassinated Farag Foda [a prominent Egyptian secularist gunned down after engaging in heated public debates with fundamentalist leaders], many people stopped writing. I was the only one who continued attacking them," Said said with a little grin that seems startling under the circumstances.

"Of course, I feel sympathy for my wife and my children. But what shall I do?"

WHILE MILITANT threats against writers, singers, actors and intellectuals have been a way of life in the Islamic world since the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's death decree against British author Salman Rushdie, the last few months have seen a dramatic increase, reflecting the growing schism between Arabs committed to Islamizing society and those equally bent on maintaining free and open public discourse.

The knife attack last month on Nobel Prize-winning novelist Naguib Mahfouz highlighted many of the debates that increasingly are polarizing Moslems at a time of traumatic political change in the Middle East. Mahfouz was attacked as an apologist for Zionism, as a protégé of America and the West and as a symbol of Egypt's cooperation with Israel.

"The target of the assailants was not the person of Mahfouz but rather the image of Egypt in the international community," commented Cairo's leading daily newspaper, *Al-Ahram*. "His international standing and persona are symbolic of the secular orientation of the Egyptian and Arab intelligentsia."

On the other side, Cairo cleric Sheikh Mohammed Ghazali, while deploring the violence against Mahfouz, lashed out at the decision to publish for the first time this month — against Mahfouz's request — the author's *Children of Gebelawi*, a 1959 allegorical novel about the prophets banned by Islamic decree for two decades in Egypt.

The book was published in full in a special edition of the Teguam Party's *Al-Ahali* newspaper that sold like wildfire shortly after the attack on the 83-year-old writer. *Al-Ahram*, the voice of the Egyptian government, waived the copyright that it has held dormant for 20 years and announced its own plans to serialize the book.

"WE QUESTION ourselves about people who hate God dearly, detest Islam completely and quarrel with inspiration everywhere," Ghazali lamented to the publishers.

"I know of those who never had the privilege of kneeling before God, who on the contrary are happy when they hear about a new bar opening, feel sad if a new mosque is built and feel the Earth is getting narrow. The state destroys itself by leaving them to bark against Islam's caravan."

Security analysts fear that the attack on Mahfouz, in which a man holding a bouquet of flowers approached the writer on the sidewalk as if to shake his hand, and then stabbed him in the neck, reflects the new kind of savagery witnessed in militant fundamentalist attacks in Algeria against intellectuals, some of whom have had their throats slashed in front of their families.

KIM MURPHY
CAIRO

More than two dozen journalists have been assassinated in Algeria, and in recent months attacks like these have escalated.

The aim of such attacks by militants does not seem to be to target the individuals' life-styles, political analysts say, but rather to curb the ability of these intellectuals to move the body politic in a more secular direction, through either their music, books, newspaper columns or films.

A common complaint of Moslem organizations is that access to the mass media in most Arab countries is limited to the government and government-approved organizations, most of which are essentially secular.

Secularists in Egypt, however, complain that the government army, waves have grown too religious in an attempt to meet the demands of the militants.

"THESE PEOPLE [intellectuals] do have an important secularizing influence, though in a very diffused manner," said Saad Eddin Ibrahim, a prominent Egyptian writer and professor who has written extensively on the Islamic movements.

"That has become very clear, I think, in the last seven or eight months, when the artistic community rose up through its own creative work against the fanatic extremist Islamists," Ibrahim said.

The writer cited a recent film by one of Egypt's most popular actors — who is on a terrorist blacklist — ridiculing Islamic militants, and special antifundamentalist television programming during the holy month of Ramadan earlier this year.

"These programs have tremendous impact on public opinion. It actually isolated the extremists, and if there was a lull or downward turn in violence, it was mostly due to these kinds of programs, not the government's security measures," Ibrahim said.

Ibrahim has become a target of the extremists, most notably when he tried to organize a conference on Egyptian minorities in Cairo a few months ago. The Moslem Brotherhood-dominated biweekly newspaper *Al-Shaab* issued a call to "use any means" to block the conference, which was to raise the controversial issue of relations between Egypt's Moslems and Christian Copts.

"The words 'any means' always translate to violence. That was a public invitation to any Islamist to take his own hands," said Ibrahim, who at government request moved the conference to Cyprus.

Egypt's notorious Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the spiritual leader of the Gamaa al-Islamiya who is awaiting trial in New York in the World Trade Center bombing case, said in 1989 that Mahfouz and Rushdie were alike: "Apostates, as are all of those who speak of Islam as evil. The judgment upon them is repentance, and for he who does not repent, death."

Mahfouz apparently still takes the threat seriously. His associates say the author considers republishing of his book an invitation to a second assassination attempt. (Los Angeles Times)

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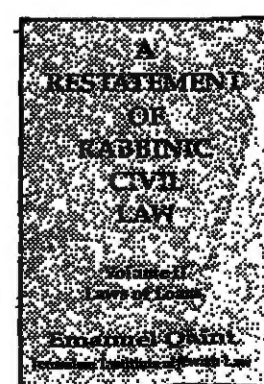
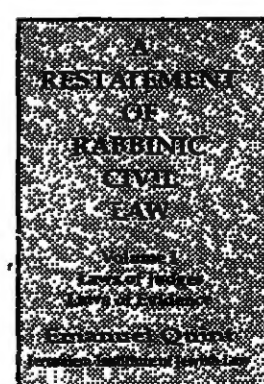
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Unwarranted optimism

EMERGING from meetings with Yasser Arafat and European statesmen, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres sounded optimistic on Monday. He said that disputes over the size, nature and authority of the Palestinian self-government council in the territories will be resolved, and that an agreement would be reached on elections there.

Concomitantly, both Peres and Arafat said they expected the "donor countries" to make good on their pledges to the Palestinian Authority. The funds, they hope, will alleviate economic hardships in Gaza, reduce tensions between Fatah and Hamas, and reinforce Arafat's position. Indeed, if the declarations out of Brussels are to be believed, the next steps in the implementation of the interim agreement will be taken soon. While the original schedule for the Oslo and Cairo agreements may not have been kept, the process is on track.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's recent pronouncements seem to contradict this rosy view. Yesterday he made it clear to Hebron's Jewish residents that there are no plans to withdraw the army from the large Arab population centers in the territories, even though such withdrawal is stipulated in the Oslo agreement. And MK Nissim Zivili, Labor party secretary and a spokesman for the party's super-doves, said it was unthinkable that the army contingent responsible for security in Hebron would be removed.

Such pronouncements bode ill for the continuation of the process. Rabin first believed it might be possible to withdraw the army from Arab towns and villages strictly for the period of the election themselves - some three days or so - and then redeploy it in its old positions. It did not take him long to realize that no such return would be possible without the force of arms.

Now Rabin seems to believe that it may be possible to persuade the Palestinians that elections can be held with the IDF in place, as long as it keeps a low profile. This would be a violation of the Declaration of Principles. But the alternative is a prescription for a security disaster: every Jewish resident of the territories would be exposed to mortal danger, and every army position would be as vulnerable to attack as the Netzarim post near Gaza City.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak has been hinting at this unhappy choice ever since the agreement with the PLO was signed on the White House lawn. There is an irreconcilable contradiction between the Israeli commitment to the Pales-

tinians to withdraw from heavily populated Arab areas - thereby letting them become terrorist strongholds - and its pledge to keep all the settlements in place. Only those who assumed at the time that Arab terrorism would be curbed, if not completely eliminated, by Arafat and the Palestinian Police could imagine that both commitments could be kept.

This is why many of the agreement's most dedicated supporters are now calling for a comprehensive reassessment. Zivili, who worries about the agreement's loss of popularity and the possibility that Labor would be turned out of office in the next election, believes that the government should suspend the agreement's implementation until after the 1996 election. He believes, probably correctly, that while the nation can live with the problems inherent in the withdrawal from Gaza, it will not tolerate the wave of terrorism which will inevitably follow a partial evacuation of Judea and Samaria.

The government seems to concede now that its hopes that Arafat will live up to his commitment to combat terrorism were groundless. Arafat will undoubtedly try to subdue attempts by the Islamic groups to usurp his power, and it is even possible that he wants an election in the territories because he believes he will win a majority and undisputed legitimacy. But he will not fight against Hamas and Islamic Jihad on Israel's behalf, nor will he risk his position in Gaza and Jericho - let alone the rest of the territories - by trying to prevent terrorist acts against Israel.

Moreover, Arafat may not even be able to forestall acts of terrorism by his own "Fatah Hawks." His inability to control the situation in Gaza has forced him to abandon the pretense that he is the leader of all the Palestinians and revive the Hawks as a militia. To regain their following, the Hawks will have to compete with the Islamic groups in attacking Israelis. Indeed, they have already announced that "as long as there is an occupation, the armed struggle must go on."

What is shaping up in the self-rule areas is a situation all too reminiscent of Lebanon: Arafat is head of the Fatah militias, which command the allegiance of some segments of the population and rule over certain areas, while the Islamic and the radical PLO militias rule other areas. To believe that the Oslo agreement can be implemented under such conditions requires a leap of faith which, as Zivili and Rabin seem to have noticed, a majority of Israelis are incapable of making.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNTDOWN TO 1996 ELECTIONS

Sir, - With memories of the American 1994 mid-term elections slowly fading away, we can begin to turn our attention to another election, less than two years into the future, whose implications extend far beyond its own population. Perhaps it is the most crucial national election in this young nation's experiment in democracy. Its outcome will help shape the political, social and economic landscape of a region populated by hundreds of millions of people. But in this election, the incumbent's eyes are turned towards Jerusalem, not Washington, and his moment of truth transpires in or before June 1996.

Nobel Prize winner Yitzhak Rabin is not a newcomer to the politics of the Middle East. This seasoned elder has been active in public affairs since before the formal creation of the State of Israel in 1948. Now, nearing the end of his long career, he and his perpetual rival, Shimon Peres, are attempting the impossible: to bring some measure of lasting peace by June 1996 to a region that has been plagued with expansionist wars and religious strife since the dawn of time. And he is running out of time.

In less than two years, Israeli voters will elect a new prime minister and Knesset, the former being chosen directly for the first time in Israel's history. Rabin's two main political adversary groups are gearing up: 1. those who are opposed to his talk-easy, all-is-negotiable stance, and disheartened with the PLO's will and ability to deliver; 2. a younger Labor Party generation grooming for the top crown.

REPORT ON POLAND

Sir, - In October 1994, a group of Israeli journalists were hosted by the Polish authorities. It was not the first visit of this kind as claimed by Michal Yudelman in her article of November 18. "New Poland, old prejudice."

As a regular reader of the only English-language daily in Israel, I have been observing for a long time now a sort of a negative pattern that Post journalists follow when they happen to write on Poland. I wonder if it is at all possible for a Post journalist to write about Poland and not about the Polish Jews who are no longer there and about the "famous" Polish antisemitism.

Ms. Yudelman writes that "Polish authorities went to great lengths to demonstrate that Poland is more than a cemetery of the Jewish nation." Polish authorities do not have to demonstrate that Poland is not a Jewish

To evaluate the merits of Rabin's policies vis-à-vis Arafat, we must first reflect upon the PLO's adoption of what became known as the "phased plan," formally approved by the PLO on June 8, 1974, and never rescinded. Its guidelines call for the creation of a Palestinian homeland, the use of this territory for staging terrorist attacks against Israel, and the triggering of a pan-Arab-Islamic effort to obliterate the "Zionist entity" by destroying Israel from within.

Sadly, the "phased plan" is no longer merely a plan: it is rather a progressive course of action being played out in Israel and in newspapers around the world. Rabin continues to build peace bridges to Arafat over dead Israeli bodies. But how are the citizens of Israel safer now that peace has been "secured" with Arafat?

The prime minister desperately needs to prove his brilliance as Israel's military genius and peacemaker *par excellence*. But he should not do so at the expense of the Israeli public's security and territorial integrity. Timing policy decisions by the 1996 election clock, not the dynamics of the region, where massive arms procurement, drug trafficking, state-backed terrorism, power vacuums, shifting alliances and religious fundamentalism remain the norm, will be his undoing.

The Israeli election is still some 30 months away. But the countdown has already begun.

RAPHAEL C. GROSS

New York.

"THE NIGHT OF THE BRIDGES"

Sir, - According to David Rudge's report of October 21, "Bridge over the Jordan completed," the former Sheikh Hussein Bridge over the Jordan River was blown up by the Haganah on the "Night of the Bridges" in June 1947.

The "Night of the Bridges" was on June 16, 1946. The Sheikh Hussein Bridge was blown up by the Palmach on Saturday, February 14, 1948. My best friend, Zvi Protzel, lost his life while blowing up that bridge. Two Palmach fighters were in a car with the explosive charge and were being fired on by the (then) Arab Legion. They were supposed to place the charge and jump into the Jordan. One of them succeeded, but Zvi got entangled in some barbed wire while jumping.

EFRAIM HADASSY (HOPF) Chicago.

RUNNING AWAY UNDER FIRE

Sir, - I refer to Yosef Goell's article of November 21, "Toward separation now." May I point out that what he suggests is running away under fire like cowards. Had people done this in the past, we would not be here in Israel at all.

Does Goell think what happened in Gaza hasn't happened and cannot happen again in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, etc.? It happened in London and in the US. So please, Mr. Goell, don't be so naive. Our enemies will try to kill us anywhere. They just don't want us here in the Middle East. So forget your trade-off between Jewish and Palestinian communities. We must stand up and show them we are not weak, or they will overrun the country with their violence.

JUDY FORD

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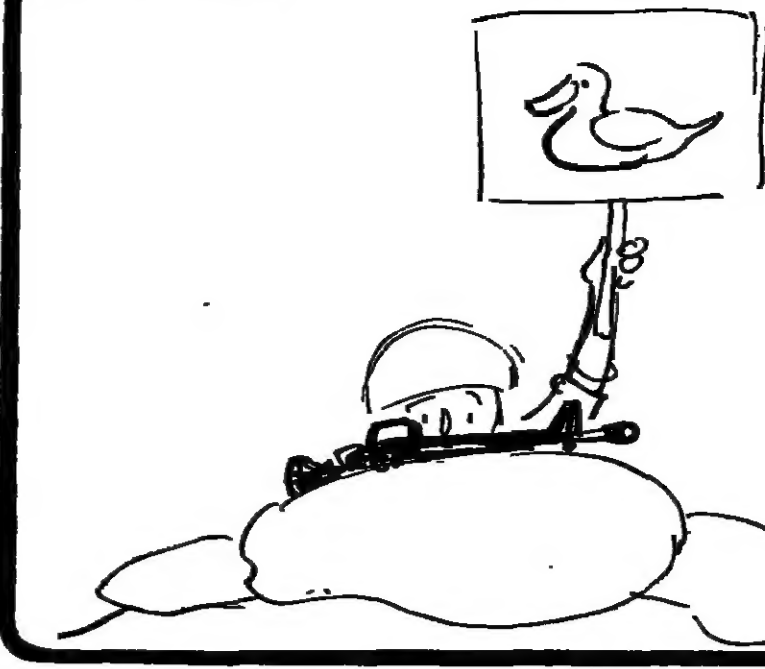
Sir, - The cartoon depicting Nelson Mandela hugging the legs of a contestant in a beauty pageant (November 20) is racist, sexist, and an insult to one of the world's great leaders. Shame on you.

DANIELA GOODE

Cedar Grove, N.J.

The cartoon intended only to celebrate the first international beauty contest held in post-apartheid South Africa, but some readers found it in bad taste. The Jerusalem Post regrets the unintended offense. - Ed. J.P.

MEIR RONEN OLY



Rabin on the rampage

A man is best known by the way he behaves "in his pocket, his glass and his wrath," says the old Jewish proverb.

Let's skip Rabin's pocket for now. And as for his glass, that's his own business, as long as he can function. But his wrath...

The premier's November 20 address to the staff at the Israeli Embassy in Washington was a dangerous, ugly outburst of hysteria and a total loss of self-control. "The stupidity," "the empty words," "the embodiment of dirty politics," "the criminal manner," "the lies perpetrated" (which lies?), "jeopardizing our relations with the US" were but a few of the popular-democratic - i.e. totalitarian - expressions our prime minister used.

Rabin was talking about those who believe that, by requesting US troops be deployed on the Golan Heights in the event of an Israeli withdrawal, he is endangering Israel's relationship with the US and with American Jewry - and even the US government's relationship with American Jewry.

Rabin is basing his peace moves with Syria on the US's agreement to deploy American troops on the Golan. After Secretary Christopher's repeated statements to this effect, Rabin was certain that a democratic Capitol Hill would oblige Clinton - who, like Rabin himself, could use some resounding success before the next elections.

But reality changes. And the new masters of Capitol Hill beg to differ on the issue.

Rabin's arrogant confidence was replaced by panic, which turned into wrath and emerged as hysteria. The premier's thin demo-

YOASH TSIDON-CHATTO

cratic coating cracked. He found it hard to accept the fact that US senators and congressmen represent US public will.

It may sober him to read the Final National Post-Election Survey carried out by Fabrizio, McLaughlin & Associates of Alexandria, Virginia.

Of those Americans surveyed, 64.3 percent opposed sending US troops to the Golan within the framework of an Israeli-Syrian

A little sober reflection would have served the premier better than an angry outburst

peace agreement made possible by an Israeli withdrawal; 17.9 percent were in favor.

The few Israelis who brought Rabin's wrath upon themselves were more successful in conveying their message to Capitol Hill than the 40 or 50 "loyal," left-leaning reserve officers who have gone on "private visits" to the US to tell the Americans that deploying their forces on the Golan would be good for them. Why? Because they are in tune with American public feeling.

THEY DIDN'T go to teach the US what is good for it. They are genuinely, deeply worried about what may happen if things turn sour. They are thinking of Beirut, Somalia and Bosnia, of Taiwan, Vietnam, Latin America and Iran.

And they remember how, in 1957, the US guaranteed the demilitarization of the Sinai and free passage of Israeli ships in the Red Sea, in exchange for a full Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. When Egypt's Nasser reneged on his commitments in 1967, the US and the UN disappeared from the scene, which led to the Six Day War.

No one should blame the US. A democracy may change its policy. It's happened in Israel too, and God help pro-Israeli Arabs and the southern Lebanese, who may one day find themselves abandoned.

In the Golan, as in the Sinai, the US troops will stay as long as the incumbent administration agrees with its predecessors, or as long as both sides want them to stay, whichever comes first.

What will happen in the Sinai if fundamentalists depose President Mubarak? What will happen in the Golan if Hafez Assad is disposed of, the way all his predecessors were?

Most probably, there will be a US withdrawal, leaving Israel exposed to mortal danger. And Israel will find its relations with the US and, simultaneously, American Jews very strained, at a time when US government and public support is vital.

From the way the "peace" with the PLO is turning out, Rabin should be coming to see that agreements must be based upon skeptical premises rather than wishful thinking.

It is a pity that the prime minister is maddened by disagreement; a pity also that he cuts such a dictatorial figure in his wrath.

The writer is a former MK.

The case for withdrawal

ROBERT O. FREEDMAN

see that Syria had not only entered the multilateral talks on water (as well as on security - so far Syria has refused to enter any of the five multilateral peace talks), but also signed a mutually satisfactory water-sharing agreement with Jordan and Israel.

This would have to be the sort of agreement whose provisions would automatically invoke penalties against Syria (breaking off diplomatic relations, cutting off economic assistance by the US and its NATO partners, etc.) if it reneged on the agreement.

THE FINAL argument made by opponents of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan - that the settlements there provide security for Israel - is clearly fallacious.

Far from contributing to Israeli security during the Yom Kippur War, the settlements proved a liability, as Israeli soldiers had to be diverted from their primary duty of fighting the Syrians to rescue the settlers.

Opponents of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan also argue against the emplacement of a multinational force there spearheaded by US troops.

Despite the successful precedent set by just such a force which

is stationed in the Sinai in helping to ensure peace between Israel and Egypt, they argue that the Golan is not like the Sinai, but more like Beirut, where the killing of US Marines led to an ignominious withdrawal of US troops in early 1984. Putting American troops "in harm's way," these people argue, will lead to US casualties and erode American support for Israel.

Here again, the basic argument of the opponents of a withdrawal is fallacious.

The Golan is not Beirut; proper placement of mines, barbed-wire entanglements and perimeter defense positions would help avert such an attack.

Second, it should be remembered that the US has an "all-volunteer army," and its members know they may be sent "in harm's way" if it is in the American interest.

And, given the fact that peace between Israel and Syria is a major American interest - one attested to by every US president since 1967 - US soldiers, unlike the situation in Somalia and Haiti, would be carrying out a long-articulated US policy by serving as part of a peace force on the Golan.

In sum, the arguments for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan in return for a genuine peace between Israel and Syria seem more compelling than the arguments against such a withdrawal, assuming the US is willing to provide the necessary buffer force on the Golan without which no Israeli government could be expected to withdraw.

The writer is dean of graduate studies and professor of political science at Baltimore Hebrew University.

POSTSCRIPT

A TELEPHONE salesman who heard a woman screaming in the background of a call kept the customer talking and notified authorities, who found the man's father dead and his blind mother wounded.

Kenneth Dean Haley, of Queen

Creek, Arizona, had stabbed his father Marvin 45 to 50 times, but his mother's life was apparently saved by the chance phone call.

She was blinded in March, when another son attacked her.

"I kept hearing a woman in the background, so I knew I had to

keep him away from her, so I just kept talking to him," the unidentified telemarketer said.

He said he heard screams but had to wait for a co-worker to come in to call the police. He kept Haley, 39, on the phone for 15 to 20 minutes, until deputies arrived.

Debased

JOHN ANDERSON

WHY do bad movies happen to good actresses? Take Sharon Stone. An actress with unrealized comic talent - she's risen above turgid material more than once - she's also a woman who needs no sympathy. Unless you've seen *The Specialist*. Why would she do such a thing? Because she's bought into Hollywood's version of herself.

Grabbing onto a degrading movie role as if it were the last helicopter out of Saigon, she seems to think that once her looks have really faded, she'll have nothing left.

And she may be right. But buying into the premise is demeaning and dangerous. And not only to her.

Stone has a sister in Dana Delany, who once ministered to the wounded on TV's *China Beach* and is currently ministering to the sexually submissive in *Exit to Eden*. In an effort to shed what she perceives as a "wholesome" image, she sheds her clothes and her dignity. In one particularly gratuitous scene, she's reduced, both

Hollywood movies don't rise to the level of their best talent. They sink to the level of their worst

literally and figuratively, to a pair of breasts.

Meryl Streep had to abandon a few ideals for *The River Wild*, which required her to forego accents for biceps and is a good indication of the diminishing importance of acting talent vis-à-vis muscle tone.

One woman who's never been out of shape, or work, is Jamie Lee Curtis, whose striptease in *True Lies* was interpreted by more than a few women as an act of liberation.

The really troubling scene, though, was one in which she was abducted and terrorized by Arnold Schwarzenegger, playing her husband, an episode that was treated as a normal domestic exchange.

In *Junior*, Schwarzenegger's new right-to-life tract/comedy, Emma Thompson proves that bad movies do not rise to the level of their most talented star, they sink to the depths of their most obnoxious (in this case, Danny DeVito).

THE SEDUCTION/human sacrifice of female talent wasn't universal this year, just insidious. *Nell*, in which Jodie Foster is said to be marvelous, has yet to open, and *Little Women*, directed by Gillian Armstrong, opens on Christmas.

There have been truly heartening performances: the cast of *Widows Peak*; Karen Sillas in *What Happened Was... Gong Li in *To Live*, and, perhaps most notably, Jennifer Jason Leigh in both *The Hudsucker Proxy* and the brand new *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*. Perhaps it will be women directors, rather than stars, who effect change in how women are viewed. And if so, there's some hope.*

While directors such as Penelope Spheeris and Penny Marshall - who continue to find work because they do it as badly as men - turned out the usual schlock, Allison Anders (*Mi Vida Loca*), Lina Wertmüller (*Ciao Professore!*) and Gurinder Chadda (*Bhai on the Beach*) continued their good work.

The movies of several first-time women directors were also encouraging: Darnell Martin's *I Like It Like That* was excellent, as were the debuts of Caroline Thompson (*Black Beauty*), Jyll Johnstone (*Martha & Ethel*), Rose Troche (*Go Fish*) and Yolande Zauberman (*Ivan & Abraham*).

It's funny that the two real-life women with their names in titles, Mary Shelley and Dorothy Parker, were as celebrated for their husbands and habits as for their work. But they're long dead and out of harm's way.

Not so a generation of young women who look at the screen and see themselves demeaned, or the males who see their basest inclinations confirmed.

The marketing studies, the box office, the bottom line all dictate male domination of movie marauders.

And even if much of the public didn't want mindless trash and debased women, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy: If the only movies with lead female characters are *Angie* or *Guarding Tess* or *The Client* or, God help us, *Bad Girls*, the figures are going to wind up conforming to the party line.

As long as successful actresses are callous and irresponsible, there isn't too much hope for the aspiring ones.

(Newsday)

Japanese families shift gears

The status of the Japanese father is diminishing, an expert visiting here tells Greer Fay Cashman

SUMIKO Iwao is a specialist in the changing roles of family and women in Japanese society.

But the 59-year-old professor of social psychology admits to an old-fashioned longing. Iwao would like her only child to get married. She and her banker husband, Kuchiro, have a 27-year-old son, who is going steady with one of her students.

"I come from a family of seven children, and my husband from a family of six. But we have only one, which reflects how Japan is changing."

For all the rapid changes, Iwao is eager for her son to get married. "I would love to have a daughter-in-law," she said, her face lighting up at the prospect. "It's fun to do things together."

She admitted to toying with the idea of buying an engagement ring during her recent trip here and taking it home, in case of any developments during her absence.

Iwao, who teaches at the Institute of Communications at Tokyo's Keio University, was here for the second Israel-Japan Intellectual Exchange sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Japan Center for International Exchange and the Van Leer Institute.

Despite her longing for a daughter-in-law, Iwao emphasized the increasing independence and self-reliance of Japanese women.

"Whereas marriage used to be a must in order to survive, now it's a choice. Many women in Tokyo are still single in their thirties. Our crown princess was close to 30 when she got married," said Iwao, who received her Ph.D. from Yale University, where she met her husband.

She has taught at Harvard University and was a visiting professor at King's College, Cambridge.

"In Japanese households, women were like a hinge which holds a fan together, so that fathers could work outside. But today wives are



Sumiko Iwao: Marriage used to be a must; now many Tokyo women are still single in their thirties. (Isaac Harari)

no longer at home. The changes in Japanese society are primarily because of the changes that women have gone through. Women are receiving more and more education, and more and more higher education - and they want to put it to use."

THIS ACCOUNTS for changes in the status of the head of the household as well as in the structure of the Japanese family.

Until fairly recently, Japanese heads of households were what Iwao called "the gatekeepers of information" and controlled whatever filtered in from the outside. But today, she said, every Japanese child has a television set in the bedroom, "so the authority of Japanese fathers has been eroded."

Money is another significant factor in the diminishing status of the Japanese father.

Whereas salaries used to be paid in cash which the father brought home, today fathers receive a computerized pay slip. "But children [now] think that their mothers earn [the] money, which they withdraw from bank accounts."

Many mothers also work. Women comprise 40 percent of Japan's labor force. Fifty-one percent of Japanese women work, some of them into their 80s, although 57 is the age for pension eligibility for women.

There is no legally mandated retirement age; different organizations and institutions determine their individual policies.

On average, Iwao said, women stay in one place of employment

for seven years and men for 11 years. The discrepancy "is why women don't advance in corporations which operate on a seniority system," Iwao said.

Real change began with the UN-sponsored International Decade of Women, which was declared in 1985. The Japanese government complied with the UN resolution, she said, and the prime minister's office set up programs for women.

According to the Japanese Constitution, adopted in 1947, "it is clearly stated that men and women are equal, but what's in law is different from practice," she said.

Yet Iwao is also concerned about Japanese men.

"There has been so much focus on women, on the assumption that men are happy. But in reality, they will have a severe identity crisis. If you take their workplace from them, when they leave the company, they have nothing. They have no network of communication and activity like women."

Many don't even communicate with their wives, she said, citing a survey in which husbands and wives were asked about each other's earnings. Seventy percent of the women polled knew exactly how much their husbands made, and 25 percent had an approximate idea. But more than 30 percent of men had no idea at all of what their wives were earning.

In addition to teaching, Iwao is on the National Public Pension Council and is one of five members of the National Public Safety Commission, which supervises Japan's 260,000-member police force.

The Israeli-born president of Brandeis University is not your average everyday 'egghead,' Tom Tugend writes

A Haifa-born para-sailing enthusiast with Holly-wood good looks is not what you'd expect in an American university president.

Dr. Jehuda Reinharz, a 50-year-old historian who was named last May to head Brandeis University, is the first sabra president of a US university.

He is considered one of the most productive and original scholars in the fields of Zionism and Jewish history, and has written, co-authored or edited 19 books and more than 80 articles. He has completed half of a projected four-volume biography of Chaim Weizmann, to critical acclaim and honors, including the first conferral by the Knesset of the President of Israel Prize.

Reinharz moved from Haifa with his German-born parents to their native country when he was 13, and to the US at age 17.

Entering a New Jersey high school in the senior year, he quickly added fluent English, touched with a very faint accent, to his knowledge of Hebrew, German, French and Yiddish. A classmate was Shulamit Rothschild, the Amsterdam-born daughter of Holocaust survivors, who would later become his wife.

Starting with a full scholarship to Columbia University, he earned a concurrent bachelor's degree at the Jewish Theological Seminary, followed by a master's degree in medieval Jewish history at Harvard, and a PhD in modern Jewish history at Brandeis.

Not a sedentary scholar, Reinharz goes in for tennis and sailing - and para-sailing, which nearly got him killed in Eilat a few years ago.

He joined the Brandeis faculty in 1982 and quickly rose to provost, senior vice president and director of two institutes for the studies of European Jewry, Zionism and Israel. When the presidential post became vacant, Reinharz was such an obvious choice among students, faculty and trustees that the university dispensed with the customary national search for suitable candidates.

During a brief visit to Los Angeles, Reinharz expresses his thoughts on the future of American Jewry, his job,



Dr. Jehuda Reinharz: Considered one of the most productive scholars in Zionism and Jewish history.

and related topics.

He ticks off three points, starting with the observation that the Jewish people have survived in very modest numbers throughout most of their history.

"From antiquity to the... destruction of the [Second] Temple in 70 CE, there were perhaps 4.5-7 million Jews in the world," he notes. "In medieval times, Europe had only 300,000 Jews, out of a total of one million in the world. There was a rapid increase in the 19th century, and by 1900, Europe had 8.6 million Jews."

Secondly, he says, "the story of the Jewish continuity is change.... Our entire history is marked by discontinuity." In modern times, "Hassidism, Zionism and Reform Judaism were all breaks with Jewish continuity. We might even say that discontinuity is part of the secret of Jewish continuity."

Reinharz asks rhetorically what kind of continuity it is that the Jews wish to perpetuate. Is it assimilation, intermarriage, lousy Hebrew schools, too many dinosaur organizations, and Ortho-

dox Jews fighting with Conservative and Reform Jews?

Even if Reinharz does not agree with current pessimistic projections, they are of some value. What distinguishes Jews from long-buried civilizations, he says, "is that we pay attention to the prophecies of doom. The Bible is full of them. We worry about them, and we take action."

He cites a little-discussed development that should be of concern to Jews. "We live in the naive belief that Judaism is an important religion in the United States," and that 20th-century America rests on a "trinity" of religions - Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism.

The times, however, are changing. "Few are aware that today one out of five Americans adheres to [some] other religion," Reinharz says, and the fastest growing is Islam. "Fourteen percent of all immigrants are Moslems, and Islam has the largest number of converts, mainly among African-Americans," he adds. "I calculate that by the first decade of the next century, Islam will be one of the

important religions in this country, in terms of numbers, power and financial resources."

In light of these projections, Jews can wring their hands, or "we could take a pro-active stance and try to collaborate with the Moslems," advises Reinharz. "We have some common concerns in terms of assimilation, schooling, preservation of ethnicity, and... if you will, continuity."

BRANDEIS University of Waltham, Massachusetts, was founded in 1948. It is described by its president as "a Jewish-sponsored, nonsectarian, small, liberal arts research university."

Brandeis has a diverse student enrollment of 2,800 undergraduates and 1,000 graduate students. In the 1994-95 incoming class of 760 students, called from 4,300 applications, about 60 percent are Jewish.

Brandeis has the largest Judaica studies program outside Israel and enjoys national rankings in fields as diverse as biological sciences and theater arts. The university also has an enviable teaching ratio of one professor to nine students and no fewer than 15 Brandeis alumni head colleges and universities worldwide.

Brandeis's tuition is high, \$19,200, but Reinharz emphasizes that students are accepted according to qualifications, without consideration of how much tuition they can pay.

That means Brandeis, and foremost its president, must raise \$14m-\$16m, a year in private donations, relying mainly on the support of the American Jewish community.

Fundraising is a task few scholars enjoy, but it is only one aspect of a job that Reinharz describes as "incredibly exhausting. There are many constituencies and everybody wants a piece of you."

Yet Reinharz vows that he will not fall into the common academic trap of forgoing teaching and research to meet the demands of a top administrative job.

"You have to give up a lot as president, including weekends," he says. But in a daily 6:30 a.m. to midnight work schedule, Reinharz sets aside two hours a day when "no one can reach me," for his writing and studies. "Those two hours rejuvenate me and keep me sane," he says.

Because of his travel schedule, he can no longer teach undergraduate classes, but he still guides the research and five doctoral students.

Shulamit Reinharz has a pretty intensive schedule, too, as professor of sociology and director of women's studies at Brandeis. She and her husband unwind with occasional tennis matches with their two daughters, and with long evening walks.

"I think we are the only couple in town," he says, "who start their walks at 11 p.m."

A boy named after an airport with 'in flight' as his birthplace

A three-year-old girl got a baby brother on her way to Florida, but she still wants to know when she'll complete her interrupted trip to Disney World, Stephen C. Fehr reports

WHEN he grows up, eight-day-old Matthew Dulles de Bara will regale his friends with the story of why his middle name is the same as an airport in Virginia and why his birth certificate says "in flight" for the place of his birth.

Matthew's tale begins with a Thanksgiving treat for his three-year-old sister, Amanda.

Amanda, her father Santiago, whom friends call Sandy, and Theresa de Bara, nearly seven months pregnant, boarded TWA flight 265 last Wednesday in New York. They were bound for Orlando, Florida, and Disney World. The L-1011 left John F. Kennedy International Airport packed with 213 passengers.

Theresa de Bara had woken up that morning with a pain she first thought was indigestion. She called her doctor as a precaution, and he assured her that it probably was false labor and that it was okay to make the trip.

The same thing had happened before Amanda was born. But as the plane climbed to its cruising altitude of 9,000 meters, the pain intensified.

"The pain just got worse. She was holding onto my hand and sticking her nails into me," Sandy de Bara said Saturday at Reston (Virginia) Hospital Center. Matthew was removed from a ventilator and taken off the critical list on Sunday.

THE LAST thing Theresa de Bara wanted to do was cause a fuss. She and her husband commute on the train between their home in Greenfield Park, New York, and jobs in New York City, about two hours away, and they know what can happen when public transportation is disrupted.

As breakfast was being served about a half-hour into the flight, the de Baras told a flight attendant they needed help.

Theresa was bent over in pain, and contractions had started. Amanda could tell something was wrong. "Is Mommy okay?" she asked over and over.

Steven M. Rachlin was sitting with his wife, Jeanne, and three daughters when a flight attendant got on the public-address system and asked for a doctor. Rachlin, a Long Island internist who specializes in nutrition, once delivered a baby - 13 years ago.

"Tuesday had been a long day, and I got very little sleep that night," said Rachlin, 46, from an Orlando hotel.

"Here I was on a vacation to relax, and then I was on an airplane being asked to deliver a baby. I was in an altered state." Stretched out across the five seats in Row 28, Theresa de Bara held her hand out to the doctor for comfort. He also thought that her pains were false labor and that the plane could make it to Florida. But the contractions grew more frequent, and it appeared she was starting to hemorrhage.

"The plane has to come down," Rachlin told the startled crew.

Capt. Gerald McFerrin radioed controllers at the closest major airport, Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C., that he was going to make an emergency landing.

That's when most passengers learned they would be collective witnesses to a midair miracle.

"I want every arm, elbow and foot out of the aisle!" ordered Connie Duquette, a flight attendant for 22 years. The crew began running linens between first class and Theresa's airborne bed. But



Sandy de Bara, left, and neonatologist James Davis admire Matthew Dulles four days after the infant was born in midair on a flight that was diverted to Dulles International Airport. (AP)

they couldn't find enough blankets.

"People, I need blankets," Duquette begged those around her. A dozen or more blankets instantly materialized.

Suddenly Theresa de Bara screamed. Holding his wife's legs, Sandy de Bara could see black hair as his son's head appeared at the opening of the vagina.

"I felt helpless," he said. "I couldn't do anything. We had worked so hard for this baby. I didn't want it to end like this."

"It's here," the doctor announced tensely. The cabin was eerily silent. Rachlin told Theresa to take deep breaths and push.

Out came the baby, the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck. The time was about 9:40 a.m. The plane was beginning its descent. 144 km. from Dulles - too far. The child wasn't breathing and was turning blue.

A couple who had been sitting several rows away rushed over and identified themselves as Jim and Jen Midgely, paramedics from Newburyport, Massachusetts. They had delivered about a dozen babies, and Jen Midgely said her specialty was "infant respiratory procedure."

She needed a straw to suction the fluid from the baby's lungs, but there were no straws on board. Then a flight attendant remembered she had a juice box with a tiny, bendable straw. Jen Midgely gently pushed it down the infant's throat while Rachlin administered CPR.

Finally, both could see the newborn begin to breathe on his own. "I really didn't think the baby was going to survive," Rachlin said.

Theresa was still lying, terrified and perhaps close to shock, across several seats. "I went from being nervous and distraught to imploring to God that it wouldn't turn into a tragedy," she said. "Your mind just shuts down, and you turn it over to those in control."

Something was needed to tie off the umbilical cord. Duquette looked down and saw a pair of dirty sneakers. The flight attendant hesitated for a moment.

"Then I saw a man wearing new shoes, and I said, 'Sir, I need your shoelace,'" she said. "He whipped that shoelace off so fast. He got off in Orlando wearing a shoe without a lace."

As the plane landed and taxied down the runway, the baby

stopped breathing. Duquette hit the emergency call bell to signal the pilot. "I just kept thinking, 'Please go faster.'"

The baby started breathing again. Duquette got on the public address system: "It's a boy."

The whole cabin erupted in cheers and applause. Amanda de Bara, who had been passed among her father and several sympathetic passengers, declared, "Now I know where babies come from." The flight attendants were crying. Finally, so was the baby.

DULLES AIRPORT paramedics Eugene Hunley and Scott Chamberlin arrived at the terminal gate shortly after 10.

Hunley carried the newborn, wrapped in navy airline blankets, off the plane. Theresa de Bara, whose blood pressure had plunged, was hooked up to intravenous fluids before Chamberlin accompanied her off the plane 20 minutes later.

As she was taken off the plane, passengers gave her and Rachlin an emotional standing ovation.

Rachlin went back to his seat and 30 minutes later was on his way to Florida. Everyone got free drinks. The doctor had a couple.

"If I had been in his shoes, I'd probably still be drinking," said Theresa de Bara, 35, on Saturday from a relative's home in New

York, where she had returned to rest.

The de Baras credit the Reston Hospital staff for their son's midlife name. After his doctor, and then the nurses, started calling him Dulles, the name sort of stuck.

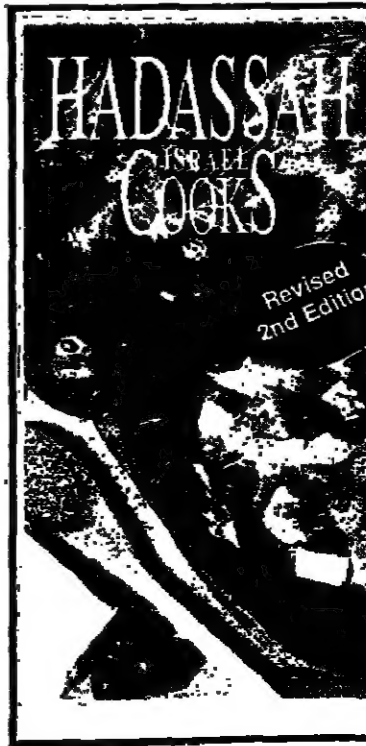
"We were thinking about '747' or something with the TWA initials," said Sandy de Bara, who turned 39 on Saturday. "But Matthew Dulles sounded the best." As with all premature infants, Matthew's recovery is still uncertain, although the early prognosis is good. He weighed just under 2 kg. and was 43-cm. long.

The chances of having a physician and two or three emergency medical technicians on a flight is pretty low," said James Davis, a neonatologist at Reston Hospital Center. "So this baby had excellent care. Fortuity was on his side."

Theresa de Bara had Thanksgiving dinner in her room and her husband and daughter ate ham in the hospital cafeteria.

Amanda, wearing a button that says "I'm a big sister," is still asking when she gets to go to Disney World.

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Consumption down, exports, foreign tourism receipts up

CONSUMPTION contracted in the past two months, as exports and foreign tourism receipts rose, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Retail sales, a good consumption indicator, plunged 32.5 percent in September and October, after increasing by 14% in the previous two months. Retail food sales fell 12% compared with a 13% rise in July and August.

Similarly, consumer imports fell 29.4%, as durable imports fell an even sharper 43%, after jumping 52% in July and August.

Residents also continued to cut down their local hotel stays by 21%, following a 22% drop in July and August.

By contrast, foreigners' hotel stays soared 128% in the past two months, reflecting a strong recovery

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after a drop of 44% in May and June, preceded by a 20% drop in the previous two months.

Tourism, as measured by the number of tourist arrivals by air, showed a marked improvement as arrivals jumped 77.6%, after being flat in the previous two months.

Exports, excluding diamonds, soared 31.5% in September and October, after falling by 30% in the preceding two months.

Industrial exports, which make up about a third of industrial production, rose 36%, following a 30% drop in July and August.

Industrial machinery and equipment imports jumped 26.3% above the 21% rise in July and August.

Similarly, industrial input imports, excluding fuel, grew a more moderate 16.4%, after dropping

4% in the previous two months.

Cement sales, a good indicator of construction activity, soared 110.6% from July through September, reflecting the building sector's recovery following the closure of the areas after the Hebron massacre.

The number of new jobs, excluding workers from the territories, grew a slight 0.9% from July through September. Work-week hours in the business sector fell 7.5% in the second quarter of the year, and increased 4.9% in the public sector.

Seasonally adjusted consumer prices increased at an annual clip of 15% in September and October, as in the previous two months.

The currency basket rose 5% in September and October, while the dollar fell 3%, after a 2% drop in the previous two months.

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the sale of a 35 percent stake in Shekem to Elco, but forced the government to cough up a hefty bonus for the workers.

Under pressure from the committee, the Treasury agreed to give Shekem workers a sum equal to 4.75 times the minimum wage multiplied by the number of workers - in this case, a total of NIS 20.3 million. The works committee will decide whether to distribute this sum equally among the employees or deposit it in a fund to provide extra money for workers who are fired after the sale.

One MK admitted privately that even had the government not agreed to the enlarged compensation, most of the MKs would still have voted for the sale, because they could not afford to be seen as opposing privatization. He said, however, that all tried to present a tough front to pressure the government into making the concessions they wanted.

This reminds me of the nights [when] special allocations [were approved], commented MK Ariel Weinstein dryly, observing the throng of Shekem workers crowding the hall in front of the committee room, trying to persuade each MK to take their side.

Although most of the MKs favored giving

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the workers more compensation than the government was offering, some occasionally lost patience with the employees' importunateness. At one point, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) abruptly recessed the meeting for half an hour, after employees refused to leave the committee room for the vote.

A few weeks ago, the committee had postponed a vote on the sale to try to pressure the government into reaching an accommodation with the workers. However, after Elco threatened to withdraw from the deal if it were not approved by today, the Treasury pressured Gal into holding an immediate vote.

To pacify the coalition MKs on the committee, however, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed Monday night to give the workers a sum worth 3.5 times the average wage for each worker, or about NIS 15m.

This was part of a general arrangement meant to apply to all privatized government companies in the future, if more than 50% of the employees are earning close to the minimum wage (in Shekem, this is true of 75% of the workers.)

For other companies, workers will be given up to 10% of the privatized company's stock at a discount, or, if no stock is available, money equal in value to the size of the discount. The maximum value of this discount will be 3% of the company's value times the percentage being sold, and in most cases, the company itself will pay it, but if the company cannot afford to, the government will lay out the money.

However, 3.5 times the minimum wage was not enough for either the workers - who wanted some NIS 30m. - or the MKs. The vote was therefore delayed for about three hours, while committee members negotiated feverishly with the government, which ultimately agreed to the 4.75 figure. This figure will now apply to all other privatized companies where more than 50% of the employees earn near the minimum wage.

Government Companies Authority head Yossi Nitzani said, however, he thought only "one or two" other companies are in this category.

The money for the payment will come out of the approximately NIS 160m. the government will take in from the sale. Shohat will ask the committee to okay a special budgetary line item to cover the deal.

Mizrahi Bank to maintain religious orientation - owners

UNITED Mizrahi Bank's religious orientation will not be changed, representatives of the Ofer-Wertheim group, which won control of the bank last week, said yesterday.

The new owners also said they plan to exercise their option to buy up to an additional 26% of the bank's shares within 18 months.

At the end of last week, the Treasury announced the Ofer-Wertheim group had purchased 26% of the bank's shares for \$110 million. The Ofer-Wertheim consortium includes a number of companies controlled by Sami and Yuli Ofer, Muzi Wertheim, chairman of the Central Bottling Co. and businessman Abe Feinberg.

The Ofer brothers and their companies control 50% of the consortium, while Wertheim and Feinberg have 25% each.

Within two to three months, the new owners will decide on the structure of Mizrahi's board of directors. The Ofer-Wertheim group are entitled to nominate nine directors, including a chairman.

"A very respectable person

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

[Haim Kubersky] currently heads the board. We will consider allowing him to continue in this position," Wertheim said. "The person heading the board must come from the banking sector or have a wide business background. We plan to make Mizrahi a very active business."

Wertheim added the group does not intend to make changes in the bank's senior management. Mizrahi insiders say senior managers have been concerned about possible changes by the new owners.

Yuli Ofer said he does not plan to take part in the management of Mizrahi because of the limitations placed on him by the Bank of Israel. Ofer is suspected of giving donations to the Likud in exchange for fictitious receipts, and of purchasing information on Mizrahi's debts.

The Bank of Israel gave the go-ahead for the sale on condition that Ofer refrain from now from taking part in the bank's management.

"During the course of competi-

ing for the purchase of control in Mizrahi, I took upon myself not to get involved in the bank's affairs, if the Ofer-Wertheim group wins the tender," Ofer said. "Now that the Ofer family, in partnership with my good friends Muzi Wertheim and Abe Feinberg, have won the tender, I will honor the commitment."

Yuli Ofer, the Ofer family's representative and general manager of Ofer Brothers Ships, said he hopes Yuli Ofer will eventually be able to take part in the bank's management.

"Yuli Ofer is a person with honor. I want to tell you that he will respect the limitations the Bank of Israel has placed on him and wait for the results," Angel said.

"We all hope the truth will come out, and he will be able to get involved in management. It's not only to our benefit but also to the benefit of the bank," he said.

Wertheim said he plans to consult with Ofer on Mizrahi.

"I will consult with Yuli Ofer. There is no ban on consulting," Wertheim said.

Referring to the heavy competi-



Yuli Ofer: Says he doesn't plan to take part in bank's management. (Lior Sivilya)

tion in the banking sector, Wertheim criticized the profit-sharing scheme adopted by First International Bank.

"In the framework of competition between the banks, one of the banks offers bonuses to customers," Wertheim said.

"I believe that customers do not need to receive bonuses. Customers have to receive good, generous and efficient service at reasonable prices. The bank's workers have to receive bonuses," he said.

Top managers average NIS 31,000

MANAGERS of local firms with an annual average turnover of \$100 million earn salaries similar to their Italian and Dutch counterparts and do better than their peers in Greece and Portugal. The results are based on a survey conducted among 80 local firms by the US-based Wyatt Data Services.

The average monthly salary for Israeli managing directors is NIS 31,000 per month, ranging from NIS 16,000 to NIS 44,000.

Italian managing directors average \$145,000 per year, with a high end of \$175,000, some \$18,000

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more than the highest salary earned by local managers. The top annual salary for a Dutch general manager is slightly under \$150,000, while Greek and Portuguese general managers earn up to \$100,000 per year.

Other executive wage statistics show that local sales managers earn an average monthly salary of NIS 16,200, ranging from NIS 9,300 to NIS 24,200. Marketing managers earn slightly more on average - NIS 16,800 per

month - with a range from NIS 8,900 to NIS 24,000.

Account managers earn on average NIS 19,000, ranging from NIS 9,600 to NIS 30,300.

Computer division heads and R&D heads both average NIS 12,800 per month. The range for computer division heads is NIS 6,800 to NIS 21,000, while R&D managers earn between NIS 8,800 and NIS 17,400.

Chief engineers average NIS 12,100 per month and operations or production managers average NIS 17,600 per month.

Union Bank profits fall to NIS 7m.

COMPANY RESULTS

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UNION Bank of Israel reported lower third-quarter net profits of NIS 7 million, from NIS 8.9m. in the same period last year.

Net profits for the first nine months of the year fell 35 percent from NIS 15.5m., from NIS 23.8m. in the same period last year.

• Carmel Mortgage and Investment Bank recorded net profits of NIS 748,000 compared with net losses of NIS 441,000 in the same period last year.

• Israel Land Development reported net losses of NIS 4.4m., compared with net profits of NIS 6.9m. in the same period in 1993. Revenues were NIS 153m. compared with NIS 173.1m.

• Zion Holdings announced net profits of NIS 1.2m. compared with NIS 401,000 last year, on revenues of NIS 2.4m. compared with NIS 568,000. Earnings per share rose to NIS 1.72 compared with NIS 0.57.

• Agis reported net profits of NIS 5.6m. compared with NIS 11.4m., on revenues of NIS 65.2m. compared with NIS 68.7m. Earnings per share fell to NIS 0.23 compared with NIS 0.50.

• Dovrat Shrem reported a 68% drop in net profits to NIS 614,000, from NIS 2.6m. in the same period in 1993, on revenues of NIS 6.4m. compared with NIS 8m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.10 compared with NIS 0.33.

• Mehadim reported net losses of NIS 1.7m. compared with net losses of NIS 2.9m. in the same period last year.

Net profits for the nine-month period rose significantly to NIS 8.8m., from NIS 4.9m., on revenues of NIS 35.3m. compared with NIS 29.7m.

• Degen Systems posted a slight rise in net profits to NIS 1.6m., from NIS 1.48m. Revenues rose to NIS 24.1m., from NIS 19.5m.

• Kardam Investments reported a fall in net profits to NIS 2.6m., from NIS 2.9m. Revenues were NIS 21.3m. compared with NIS 109.8m. in the previous year.

Clal Israel earnings plunge 22%

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CLAL Israel reported a 22 percent drop in third-quarter net profits to NIS 47.2 million, from NIS 60.8m. in the same period last year. Revenues were NIS 1.2 billion compared with NIS 904m. last year. Earnings per share slipped to NIS 1.53, down from NIS 2.03.

Nine-month net profits fell to NIS 82.9m., from NIS 175.6m., while revenues rose to NIS 3.5b., from NIS 2.6b. during the same period last year. Earnings per share were NIS 2.72 compared with NIS 5.85.

During the three-quarter period, Clal increased its holdings in

group companies including investing NIS 175m. in Nesher Cement, NIS 50m. for 25% acquisition of Jaf-Ora, NIS 64m. in the purchase of Malam Systems, NIS 56m. in properties, NIS 13m. in expanding its construction division and NIS 29m. in the construction of commercial and industrial buildings.

Some NIS 57m. were invested in shares of Clal Industries, Clal Trade, Azorim, Clal Holdings-Insurance and Clal Health and Recreation (formerly Assuta).

Africa Israel profits drop 25%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AFRICA Israel Investments' third-quarter net profits fell 25 percent compared with the same period last year despite a 24% rise in revenues.

The company reported net profits of NIS 21.4 million, from NIS 28.7m. last year. The drop reflected continuous declines in its insurance subsidiary Migdal as well as a drop in Packer Steel's contribution to profits.

Africa Israel's total revenues increased to NIS 134.7m. in the third quarter, from NIS 108.2m. The rise was primarily due to a 69% growth in real estate and construction revenues to NIS 83m., from NIS 49m. In the first nine months of the year, net profits rose to NIS 52.1m., from NIS 49.3m. Total revenues increased to NIS 388.4m., from NIS 353.2m.

The firm's total assets grew 20.6% to NIS 1.8 billion at the end of the third quarter compared with NIS 1.5b. at the end of 1993.

Notification Regarding the Plan to Purchase for Cash all Classes of Shares (Including Ordinary Shares, Ordinary B Shares, and Non-Cumulative 6% Preferred B Shares)

Palestine Post Ltd.

at US\$0.0191895 Per Share

by American Publishing Company

On September 16, 1994, American Publishing Company, a company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Purchaser") and a subsidiary of Hollinger Inc., a company organized under the laws of Canada, proposed a plan pursuant to Section 236 of the Israel Companies Ordinance [New Version], 1983, as amended, to purchase all classes of outstanding shares of Palestine Post Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel (the "Company"), not owned by the Purchaser (the "Shares"), at a purchase price of US\$0.0191895 per Share in cash. The offer was made upon the terms and subject to the conditions of Section 236 of the Companies Ordinance as set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated September 16, 1994 (the "Original Offer") which was previously sent to each of the registered shareholders of the Company.

The purpose of the Original Offer was for the Purchaser to acquire the remaining outstanding shares of the Company and become the registered owner of 100% of the Shares. Pursuant to Section 236, this condition can be satisfied in the event that the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding Shares accept and consent to the terms of the Original Offer within the period ending January 16, 1995 (the "Termination Date"). Pursuant to the terms of the Original Offer, the Purchaser reserved the right to conclude the purchase of 90% of the Shares earlier than January 16, 1995. Through November 28, 1994, the holders of more than 90% of the Shares have consented and agreed to the terms of the Original Offer. Accordingly, the Purchaser is accelerating the Termination Date to the date of this advertisement.

The purpose of this notification is to inform all of the remaining owners of Shares ("Minority Shareholders") that they are hereby being furnished pursuant to Section 236 with notice of an offer by the Purchaser to buy all of the shares of the Company held by them at a purchase price of US\$0.0191895 per share (the "Remaining Shares Offer") as set forth in the Supplemental Offer to Purchase, dated November 29, 1994, a copy of which is being sent to each of the registered Minority Shareholders of the Company. The purchase price per share included in the Remaining Shares Offer is identical to the purchase price per share provided in the Original Offer.

Minority Shareholders who have not consented and agreed to the Original Offer or the Remaining Shares Offer have the right to object to the sale of their shares in court within a one month period after the date of this notification. Barring a court ruling in favor of a dissenting Minority Shareholder, one month after the date of this notification (assuming no pending litigation with respect to this matter), the Purchaser will be registered as the 100% owner of the outstanding shares of the Company. The purchase price for the shares held by the Minority Shareholders who have not consented to the terms of this Remaining Shares Offer will then be placed in a bank account and a trustee will be appointed to distribute all the remaining funds owed to Minority Shareholders whose shares have been transferred to the Purchaser pursuant to these arrangements.

The Purchaser has received the fairness opinion of an independent consulting firm which states that the price to be paid by the Purchaser in the Remaining Shares Offer is fair from a financial point of view.

The Supplemental Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal contain important information which should be read before any decision is made with respect to the Remaining Shares Offer.

Requests for copies of the Supplemental Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the address set forth below and copies will be furnished promptly at the Purchaser's expense.

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November 29, 1994

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Swiss franc (Sfr 200,000)	4.800	4.800	4.800	4.800
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.125	4.125	4.125
Swiss franc (Sfr 200,000)	2.875	2.875	2.875	2.875
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750

(Prices vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (22.11.94)

CURRENCIES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rate*
Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
U.S. dollar	3.442	3.442	3.10	3.442
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German mark	1.925	1.925	1.89	1.9412
French franc	4.728	4.728	4.63	4.7614
Japanese yen (100)	0.0222	0.0222	0.04	0.0222
British pound	3.077	3.100	3.00	3.077
Swiss franc	1.722	1.747	1.69	1.722
Swiss franc	2.222	2.312	2.24	2.222
Swedish krona	0.404	0.400	0.39	0.4023
Norwegian krona	0.441	0.442	0.43	0.444
Danish krone	0.458	0.458	0.44	0.457
French franc	0.021	0.021	0.02	0.021
Canadian dollar	0.671	0.671	0.66	0.671
Australian dollar	2.280	2.281	2.27	2.280
S. African rand	0.801	0.801	0.78	0.801
Belgian franc (10)	0.030	0.030	0.02	0.030
Austrian schilling (10)	2.743	2.776	2.69	2.743
Italian lire (1000)	1.872	1.872	1.85	1.872
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.21	4.217
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.88	0.81
Irish punt	—	—	—	—
Spanish peseta (100)	2.513	2.544	2.45	2.513
			2.40	2.520

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEHMAN

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Key Representative Rates

US dollar	NIS 3.0370	-0.52%
Sterling	NIS 4.7514	-0.29%
Mark	NIS 1.9412	-0.47%

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

Two-Sided trading

Afternoon

Morning

Two-Sided Index

Maof Index

Karam Index

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Options market leads to declines

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The January 170 CALL

opened at 1458, reached a high of

1510 and a low of 1190, and closed

at 1455. The January 170 PUT

opened at 620, reached a high of

780, and closed at 595. These

were not the wide swings regis-

tered on Thursday, but it's only

three days since the options'

expiration period.

The technique is a well known

one. Traders usually buy or sell

massive shares which figure prom-

inently on the Maof index, namely

Bezek, Koor and Israel Chemicals.

Alternatively, these Maof ar-

bitraders perform the same work

through Maof mutual funds, often

preferring to be influenced by ar-

bitrage considerations and buy or

sell immediately.

The Maof arbitrage was evident

in the relatively wide price spread

of Maof shares which have a large

weight on the index: Bezek trades

in a range of 100-96.5; Koor 97.

99.25; Israel Chemicals 100-97.

Considering that total turnover was

only NIS 96.4m. raises the question

as to what the turnover would have

been without the trading of Maof

securities for arbitrage purposes.

On the down side, Koor fell

1.5%, Osem declined 2%, Elbit

fell 3.8% and IDB Bankholding

dropped 1.5%. On the up side,

Elron rose 4%, Teva increased 1%

and Dead Sea Works rose 1.5%.

Among the speculative issues, I-

leramco was up 10.7% (to 8.3 ar-

rot) and Meir Ezra rose 6%.

Traders who did not arbitrage

on the Maof market pondered fu-

ture CPI rises and the interest rate

hike. The November and Decem-

ber CPI forecast is that rises will

be lower than in previous months.

As for the rate hike, considering

that very few investors are actually

financing purchases of securities

with borrowed money, the in-

crease should not have much of an

influence except for its effects on

macroeconomic aggregates.

FTSE closes up 14 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Share prices

closed higher before the end of

Chancellor of the Exchequer Ken-

eth Clarke's budget speech, but

were dragged from the day's highs

by losses in the gilt market, in turn

hit by weak US bonds.

Dealers said there was little en-

couragement for the stock market

in measures announced by Clarke

while his forecast of a £34.5 billion

Public Sector Borrowing Require-

ment (PSBR) for 1994/95 was dis-

appointing. However, news after

the close that Clarke sees a PSBR

of 21.5b. in 1995/96 plus a bullish

Treasury UK growth estimate

helped sentiment, analysts said.

The FTSE 100 closed 14.0 points

at 3,061.1.

FRANKFURT - The German

30-share DAX index closed a lack-

luster session lower yesterday,

falling in line with the weaker

German bond market and on fears

Wall Street would open lower.

The index closed down 14.17

points at 2,044.28 while the De-

cember DAX futures contract was

trading down 6.0 points at

2,048.00 at the floor close.

Turnover was thin as investors

stayed on the sidelines awaiting

new trading impulses, which may

not be on the cards before year-

end, traders admitted.

Carmaker Volkswagen's strong-

er 10-month car deliveries data

could not offset bearish sentiment

unleashed by earlier reports fore-

casting poor earnings, traders

said.

Volkswagen shares closed down

15.60 marks at 425.60. Weakness

weighed on rivals BMW and

Daimler which closed down 3.00

marks at 748.00 and down 10.00

at 738.00 respectively.

Machine construction company

Deutsche Babcock dropped 15.70

marks to end at 212.00 marks after

orders data were seen to be pos-

itive but news on possible restruc-

ture was outstanding.

PARIS - French shares finished

the day lower, following debt mar-

ket's which fell on the back of US

consumer confidence figures.

Traders said the market had been

consolidating in the morning after

recent advances, but the fall in US

Treasury brought out the bears

in the afternoon. The CAC-40 in-

dex ended down 12.41, or 0.64

percent, at 1,939.97.

TOKYO (Reuters) - Tokyo

stocks closed firmer yesterday

with sentiment underpinned by

another rebound on Wall Street,

but buying was technical and trade

remained sluggish, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei average

ended up 115.13 points or 0.61%

at 18,926.49.

"The market took a breather

Rosenthal to the rescue again

Israel beats Cyprus 4-3 in friendly match

DEREK FATTAL

OVER 4,000 hardy fans braved driving wind and rain to witness Israel's national soccer squad beat Cyprus 4-3 in last night's friendly international duel at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium. The Israelis emerged triumphant after twice falling behind, thanks to a 75th-minute winner by Ronnie Rosenthal.

The seven goals reflected the fast, open soccer that typified the match, as attackers repeatedly got the better of each team's porous defenses.

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf used the game to experiment with new players, in preparation for the crucial upcoming European Championship Group 1 qualifying match against Romania in two weeks' time.

With Tal Ben Haim suspended for that match, Nir Klinger was moved forward to support the midfield, and Amir Shelef took over Klinger's usual role as sweeper. Felix Halifon returned to the squad for his first match in a year as left back, while David Amsalem deputized for Moshe Glan on the right flank. Avi Nimni opened in midfield with Eyal Berkowitz and Rosenthal, while Betar Jerusalem forward Ronen Harazi assumed his place as the lone striker up front.

The Israelis started brightly but soon exhibited their habitual defensive jitters when a hurried clearance rebounded off Halifon's back into Ronnie Ginsburg's goal in the 14th minute to give the Cypriots an unexpected lead.

The host side leveled 13 minutes later through a curling Alon Hazan free-kick hit from 20 meters out. Hazan's shot beat the defensive wall with goalkeeper Mikolis Christof completely unguarded.

The cheering Israeli fans had barely settled into their seats when a screaming shot from over 25 meters tore into the back of Ginsburg's net from the boot of Sensja Gogic.

Hazan followed Gogic's act with a carbon-copy goal from the same position at the other end to restore

respectability to the scoreline in the 37th minute.

Two minutes later, the Jerusalem fans saw their idol Harazi bravely produce a diving header to give Israel the lead while feet were flying in the area.

This marked Harazi's 12th goal for his country and should serve to boost his reputation as a lethal scorer.

Scharf brought on Moshe Glan and Haim Revivo on at the start of the second period in place of Nimni and Amsalem.

Israel's joy was shattered nine minutes after the restart when substitute Hajilukos headed beyond Ginsburg's groping hands, with the Israeli defense again at sixes and sevens. Ronnie Levy replaced Klinger to the disdain of the home crowd but quickly began to link up well with Berkowitz.

Midway through the half, Ginsburg mastered a couple of fine efforts by Gogic, while his teammates struggled to manufacture openings at the other end.

Finally, Harazi beat his marker and nudged a pass straight into the path of Rosenthal. The hero of the squad's match against Azerbaijan released a shot that took a deflection into the Cyprus goal for the winner.

In the dying minutes, the Israeli defense cleared off the line to preserve its lead, while Eyal Berkowitz squandered three good opportunities to add his name to the scorer's list in injury time.

Although this was an entertaining performance, Scharf was left with more questions than answers for the coming showdown in Ramat Gan against Romania. While his forward and midfield performed on a par with recent matches, Shelef was hardly inspiring in the pivotal position of sweeper, while Klinger looked slow on the turn and tackle in midfield.

In an earlier encounter, Israel's under-21 side beat its Cypriot counterpart 2-1. Both Israeli goals were scored by up-and-coming Najwan Ghayev.



OFF BALANCE - England's Phil Tufnell falls to the ground after being completely fooled by a ball from Australian spin bowler Shane Warne as wicketkeeper Ian Healy looks on.

England fails first Test

BRISBANE (Reuters) - Spinner Shane Warne produced the best performance of his career as Australia inflicted a crushing 184-run defeat on England on the final day of the first Ashes Test yesterday.

The 25-year-old leg spinner, who tormented the tourists in England last year, repeated the trick by taking eight for 71 as the tourists were dismissed in their second innings for 323.

Australian captain Mark Taylor, celebrating his first Test win since succeeding Allan Border in May, paid Warne a fulsome tribute afterwards.

"Shane is a bit of a wizard," Taylor told reporters. "He got three wickets in the first innings and no one batted a eyelid because he's set such a high standard. I'm just glad he's on our side."

England captain Mike Atherton, one of Warne's second innings victims, described him as easily the best bowler on either side. He said he was devastated by losing the first of the five Tests.

"We stressed the importance of not losing the first match as it can set the tone for the rest of the series so this defeat is very serious," Atherton said.

"We've now got one month to regroup before the second Test in Melbourne, which could be good if we can find some good form before then."

Warne, who took six wickets yesterday in a brilliant spell of 25.2 overs which cost just 27 runs, fittingly wrapped up the victory by removing Darren Gough twenty minutes before tea at the Gabba.

Warne modestly attributed much of his success to his teammates. "I bowled better as the game went on

and I got good support from Craig McDermott and Tim May," he said. "They helped create the pressure which drew false strokes and wickets for me."

England, which began the day on 211 for two, lost its remaining eight wickets for the addition of just 112 runs on a wicket which increasingly assisted Warne's leg-spin.

After removing openers Alec Stewart and Atherton on Monday, Warne swung the match decisively Australia's way with another double strike before lunch.

He dismissed number three Graeme Hick and Graham Thorpe in successive overs to prompt the England collapse.

Thorpe scored a gritty 67 in a third-wicket partnership worth 160 with Hick, who made an equally determined 80.

Following their dismissal, only veteran Graham Gooch offered any serious resistance before his inevitable fall to Warne on 56.

Warne's performance eclipsed his previous best figures of seven for 52 against the West Indies in Melbourne in December 1992.

Atherton blamed the defeat on his side's performance over the opening two days.

"On the first day we let Australia off the hook when our bowlers performed poorly and then to only get 167 in our first innings wasn't very good," he said.

Australia, which scored 426 in its first innings, added 248 for eight declared to set England a winning target of 508.

Bill Walsh resigns

STANFORD (Reuters) - Bill Walsh, architect of the high-flying San Francisco 49ers team that won three Super Bowls in the 1980s, stepped down as Stanford head football coach on Monday.

"I just felt that at this time in my life, and at this particular age, it was the time to do this," Walsh, who turns 63 today, said at a news conference.

"I have enjoyed my stay at Stanford. It's been a lot of fun, a marvelous experience. And I expect that to continue."

Walsh will remain at Stanford as an assistant to the athletic director for special projects.

Athletic director Ted Leland said a search for a successor to Walsh would begin immediately.

Stanford finished a disappointing 3-7-1 this past season. Walsh spent two coaching stints at Stanford, guiding the Cardinals in 1977-78 and the last three years.

Walsh is best known for coaching the 49ers to three Super Bowl titles in the 1980s and was named the NFL Coach of the Decade. He was 102-63-1 over 10 seasons with the 49ers.

South Africa collapses vs. Kiwi cricketers

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - An abject batting collapse by South Africa, which lost its last eight wickets for just 61 runs, gave New Zealand a dramatic 137-run win in the first Test at the Wanderers yesterday.

Seamer Simon Doull, who was named man-of-the-match by Sir Richard Hadlee (four for 33) and left-arm spinner Matthew Hart (five for 77) did the damage as South Africa, needing 327 to win, was dismissed for 189 five minutes before lunch.

The performance was all the more remarkable in that New Zealand's main strike bowler Dion Nash had a strained side which prevented him from bowling at all yesterday.

Resuming on 128 for two, South Africa began the day with high hopes of making the further 199 runs it needed for victory. But, with the honorable exception of captain Hansie Cronje who made 62, the South African batting fell apart.

Once Brian McMillan had fallen low to a Doull inswinger in the

third over without adding to his overnight 42, wickets fell at regular intervals.

Darryl Cullinan was well taken by Martin Crowe in the gully for 12 and Jonny Rhodes was given lbw first ball as he stretched a long way forward to give Doull three for 17 from his eight overs.

Richardson and Snell were quickly on their way as Hart began to exert pressure and when Cronje's three-hour vigil was ended with a catch down the leg-side by wicketkeeper Adam Parore the end came quickly.

Cronje was visibly upset by his team's performance. "I am bitterly disappointed that we lost and I am disappointed that we couldn't even bat out a session," he said.

"It was an amazing Test match with a lot of twists," a delighted New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford said.

The two sides now take part in a quadrangular one-day competition which also involves Sri Lanka and Pakistan before the second Test of the three-match series starts in Durban on December 26.

Last-minute basket sinks Hapoel's hopes

STEVE LEIBOWITZ

THERE was no Hamukka miracle for Hapoel Tel Aviv last night as it lost 78-77 to Spain's Taugres Vitoria in European Club competition at Ussishkin.

The game was even until the final minute when Santiago Avad hit a 3-pointer and Milton Wagner's 3-point attempt at the other end went astray, effectively putting out Tel Aviv's lights.

It was the first loss for Hapoel in European Club Championships Group B after beating Riga last week in its opening game, 109-103. Taugres moved to the top of the group with the victory on the road.

The Spaniards opened the game with a rush, behind aggressive man-to-man defense and brilliant offense from playmaker Vladimir Pirsavich. The Croatian was unstoppable, hitting 20 points in the first 12 minutes as Taugres built a 15-point lead.

Wagner and Buck Johnson finally got untracked, shaking de-

fenders who had gotten into foul trouble as Tel Aviv cut the margin to 36-33 at the intermission. Offer Fleisher pitched in at the start of the second half as Hapoel grabbed its first lead of the night, 49-47, with 12 minutes left.

Excellent play by Lior Arditi on both ends helped Tel Aviv maintain a small lead until he fouled out with five minutes to go.

Pirsavich was the leading scorer on the night with 33 points. For Tel Aviv, Wagner hit 21, Johnson 20, and Fleisher 18.

With seven minutes to play, a plastic bottle was thrown on the court by over-exuberant fans. It was the second such incident of the game, prompting the referees to walk off the court. The officials ordered the public address announcer to tell the crowd the game would be halted with the next flying object. The fans managed to control themselves for the duration of the game.

Johnson helps Sonics beat Pacers, 118-99

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - The Seattle SuperSonics let Michael Cage, last season's starting center, go during the offseason because they believed in Ervin Johnson.

A second-year player who averaged only 6.2 minutes in 45 games last season, Johnson rewarded coach George Karl for his faith Monday night.

Starting in place of the injured Bill Cartwright, Johnson had a career-high 14 rebounds and blocked two shots in a 118-99 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The 6-foot-11 Johnson was the 23rd player picked in the first round of the 1993 NBA draft. On offense, he won't remind anyone of Shaquille O'Neal or David Robinson, but the Sonics believe he can make a major contribution as a rebounder and shot blocker in their bid to win a championship.

"At the right time, everything will fall into place," Johnson said. "So far my time hasn't come yet."

Matched against Indiana's 7-4 Rik Smits, Johnson played 26 minutes. Smits, averaging 15.7 points coming into the game, had 12 points and six rebounds in 24 minutes.

Gary Payton scored a season-high 28 points and Sam Perkins

came off the bench to get 20. The Sonics had 13 steals against the Pacers, four by Payton, and blocked a season-high nine shots.

MONDAY'S RESULTS:

San Antonio 92, Minnesota 88

Seattle 118, Indiana 99

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Philadelphia	4	8	.320	4.5
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Atlanta	4	8	.333	3

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San Antonio	6	4	.600	1.5
Minnesota	1	12	.077	8.5

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Rabkin sweeps bowls tourney

NORMAN SPIRO

NOT even the dull skies above could dampen the brilliance of Jeff Rabkin, when he swept unbeaten through the field for his 21-3 final win over fellow international Lawrence Mendelsohn. Rabkin's consistent precision drawing allowed no leeway for his frustrated opponent.

The inaugural competition sponsored by Torton Marketing Ltd. was played on the weekend at the Ra'anana Club, with 16 of Israel's top bowlers competing in preliminary sectional round-robin with the top eight qualifying for the knockout rounds.

On his way to victory, Rabkin beat Raymond Sher and Sam Goldblatt, the latter having had impressive wins against Cecil Bransky and 17-year-old national singles champion Amir Yaton.

Mendelsohn, on his way to the final, accounted for 17-year old Yair Bekier, Zvi Bekier and Len Averbuch.

The plate competition for non-qualifiers was won by Gordon Silberstein against Ivan Kantor; the finalists having respectively narrowly beaten Merle Sverdlow and Maureen Hirschowitz.

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Kupat Holim recovery plan gets Finance Committee OK

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the Kupat Holim recovery plan, but seems likely to add a rider conditioning the aid on a change in the health fund's governing body.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh warned yesterday that health funds will not be receiving enough money under the new National Health Law because of defects in the mechanism for determining the cost of the basket of services, while Treasury representative Shai Talmon warned that privatization of government hospitals appears to have created more inflation.

The recovery program, approved 7-6 in a straight coalition-opposition vote, will give Kupat Holim some NIS3 billion in government funds. In return, the fund will transfer its hospital buildings and equipment to the government, though it will continue to manage the hospitals. It will also fire some 900-1,000 workers, and its doctors will work more Friday hours.

Coalition MKs said the plan was necessary to prevent the fund from collapsing, while opposition MKs retorted that the fund has proven to be a bottomless pit in

EVELYN GORDON

the past few years, with numerous recovery plans all failing to get it back on an even keel.

Today, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) plans to bring a reservation regarding the deal to a vote, however. This resolution will state that if the Histadrut does not replace the fund's current board of directors with a management council—as it decided on October 16—by the end of March, the government will cease all transfers of money to the fund.

Gal said he had intended to vote on this resolution yesterday, but in the flurry of confusion surrounding the vote on the Shekem sale (see story p.9), he forgot. "Support [for the resolution in the committee] is wall to wall—like a carpet," he said.

Sneh and Talmon issued their warnings during a committee discussion earlier in the day on the shape of the health system in light of the National Health Law.

Sneh said that some NIS500 million would have to be added to the current basket of services to bring the country's geriatric and psychiatric services up to Western levels.

In addition, he said, the way the basket is updated is "insufficient and inappropriate," because the method does not take two crucial factors into account: new technological developments and population growth.

"The meaning of this unrealistic system for updating the basket... is that the quality of services will decline with the years," he said.

Talmon, however, warned that even so, the new national health system was likely to prove more expensive than the current system. Now, he said, health accounts for about 8% of the GNP, or some NIS20 billion a year, compared to 14%-15% of GNP in the US.

"But our [costs] will rise," he said. "I don't know where we will stop. In my opinion, 1995 will be the test case in this matter."

Talmon also questioned Sneh's desire to eventually turn all of the country's hospitals— including those of Kupat Holim—into independent non-profit corporations. After watching what has happened in government hospitals that went into the ground over the past two years, he said, "I wonder if we aren't creating another inflationary factor."

Bill assuring January start for health law forwarded to Knesset

DAN IZENBERG

UNIVERSAL health care moved a step closer to realization yesterday, when the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee approved a government amendment calling for the implementation of the National Health Insurance Law on January 1, 1995.

The amendment calls for the cancellation of Paragraph 71 of the National Health Insurance Law, which linked implementation of the new health care system with passage of a law providing alternative funding for the Histadrut.

Until now, a portion of the Kupat Holim Clalit insurance fee was siphoned off by the Histadrut for its own administrative expenses.

The new law stipulates that the entire health tax, which is to be levied by the National Insurance Institute, will be earmarked for medical care.

The government, after consulting with legal experts, came to the conclusion that a state tax designat-

ed to fund voluntary organizations would not hold up in court, and decided to drop the idea of workers' union tax. The decision removed the last obstacle to implementation of the National Health Insurance Law.

Democratic Front for Peace and Equality MK Tamar Gozansky opposed the bill and accused the government of lying to the public. Gozansky recalled a promise by then-Health Minister Haim Ramon that the health law would not go into effect without a workers' union tax.

NRP MK Yigal Bibi proposed adding a section to the government bill calling for a workers' union levy to be imposed for three years. The proposal was referred to the Knesset House Committee which is to decide whether it can be added to the bill or must be presented as separate legislation.

The amendment is due to be presented to the plenum for final approval next week.

Histadrut asks Hevrat Ha'ovdim for NIS 160m. to pay Clalit workers

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut executive this week asked Hevrat Ha'ovdim for NIS160m. to pay Kupat Holim workers at the beginning of next month. The sum is to be drawn from a yet non-existent fund to be founded at the Hevrat Ha'ovdim convention on Monday.

Histadrut Treasurer Haim Oron asked the executive's approval for withdrawing NIS160m. from the "reserve" fund, which will consist of NIS 500m. earmarked to pay off Histadrut debts to Kupat Holim and other obligations.

The fund was first decided upon at last week's convention of Hevrat Ha'ovdim. However, that convention dispersed without any resolutions for the second time due to the lack of the required quorum of delegates. Consequently, any resolutions adopted there became illegal and invalid.

The money in the "reserve" fund is to be obtained by selling the Histadrut's properties and assets in Bank Hapoalim, Koor and others, held by Hevrat Ha'ovdim.



Members of the 30-member delegation of Polish guides from the museum at Auschwitz participate yesterday in a course on Judaism, the Holocaust and Israel at Yad Vashem. The course was set up after it became apparent that the guides were unaware that most of those killed at Auschwitz were Jews. (Isaac Harari)

Personal effects of Auschwitz victims to be transferred for display at Yad Vashem

BATSHEVA TSUR

MANY of the personal effects of Jews killed at Auschwitz will be transferred from the death camp to Jerusalem where they will be preserved and displayed to the public.

An agreement to this effect, the first of its kind, was yesterday initialed in Jerusalem by Yad Vashem director Avner Shalev and Kristina Oleksi, deputy head of the museum at Auschwitz.

The personal effects include suitcases—some still bearing the owners' names—watch-

es, shoes, clothing and other items. The items are expected to arrive here in time for the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camp, to take place in Jerusalem on January 22.

Yad Vashem, which is planning to rebuild and expand its museum over the next six years, will also appeal to the Israeli public to donate items of interest from the Holocaust,

spokesperson Billy Laniado said yesterday. Next year, schoolchildren will collect such items from donors' homes and will carry out a campaign to list the names of persons who met their death in the Holocaust and whose personal details have not been documented.

Meanwhile, 30 Poles, all senior personnel at the Auschwitz museum, this week completed a three-week-long course at Yad Vashem where they studied Jewish history and facts about Israel, and toured the country.

Histadrut hires four more personal contract workers

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut's administration committee yesterday approved the employment of four more workers on personal contracts, despite the opposition of Clerks Union chairman Moshe Beit-Dagan and Histadrut Union chairman Bracha Seligman, both of whom are committee members.

The new employees—assistants and advisers to elected Histadrut officials—will enjoy managers' insurance as well as higher wages than rank-and-file Histadrut workers.

As a rule, all Histadrut workers become members of the Histadrut's Central Pension Fund, but the contract workers can choose their pension course.

There are now over 25 workers on personal contract at Histadrut headquarters, most of them assistants or advisers to senior officials.

Members of Labor's Histadrut faction were furious yesterday at

what they called "the creeping of personal contracts into the Histadrut," noting that non-organized employment weakens the Histadrut's attempts to fight against personal contracts in other work places.

Faction sources pointed out that Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon's representative on the committee, Ronit Paz, was one of the employees whose contract was approved by the committee, constituting an obvious conflict of interest. Paz is Ramon's personal assistant.

Committee chairman Meir Gatt, head of the Histadrut's administration section, admitted that the committee approves a number of new personal contracts every time it convenes.

Gatt quoted Ramon as saying that these workers, were employed on a temporary basis and would leave when the elected official they work for leaves the Histadrut.

Bills would change no-confidence majority, eliminate Knesset approval of cabinet

EVELYN GORDON

WINNING a no-confidence vote will require a larger majority as of 1996, according to a bill approved by the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The bill, passed by a 10-4 vote, is an amendment to the law instituting direct elections of the prime minister, which is slated to take effect during the next elections. The bill will now be sent for its first reading in the plenum.

Another proposed amendment to the same law, which would eliminate the prime minister's need to get Knesset approval for his cabinet, resulted in a tie vote, 7-7. The committee will therefore send the bill back to the plenum in two versions—one the proposed amendment, and another a proposal to leave the law as it is—and allow the plenum to decide.

Originally, the direct elections bill mandated a 70-MK majority for a no-confidence vote, on the theory that once the prime minister had been elected by the public, it should require more than an ordinary majority to overturn the public's will. For the same reason, it also allowed the prime minister to appoint his cabinet without Knesset approval.

However, many MKs objected, saying that this gave the prime minister too much power with respect to the Knesset. Therefore, in a compromise move aimed at ensuring the law's passage through the last Knesset, the required majority for a no-confidence vote was reduced to 61 MKs, and the need for Knesset approval of the cabinet was reinstated.

One of the Labor Party's pre-election promises was to restore the law to its original form. How-

ever, a government bill on the subject was never brought to a vote because of strong opposition within the party.

Two opposition MKs—Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) and Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud)—therefore submitted private member's bills on the subject. Hanegbi's bill deals with the cabinet approval issue. Zandberg's, which deals with the no-confidence votes, would require a majority of only 65, rather than 70, however. This is enough to still be a "special majority," but makes a no-confidence vote a little less impossible.

The only MKs to vote against Zandberg's proposal were the three religious MKs—Yitzhak Levy (NRP), Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) and Moshe Maiya (Shas)—and Avraham Burg (Labor), who opposes the entire direct elections law. In the vote on Hanegbi's bill, however, these MKs were joined by Hagai Merom and Yael Dayan (Labor) and Ron Nahman (Likud). Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) explained that the main issue was where each MK thought the balance should be struck between a popularly elected prime minister and the Knesset.

The committee also unanimously approved another bill by Zandberg, setting the composition of the ministerial security committee at nine members.

Permanent members of the committee will include the prime, defense, foreign, finance, and justice ministers; the remaining ministers will be chosen by the prime minister. This will also be sent to the plenum for a first reading.

Barak: Parents' involvement in army affairs should be limited

ALON PINKAS

THE home environment and parental support is crucial for every new soldier, but parents' involvement in army affairs must be limited, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak said yesterday.

Barak added that when problems during army service arise, there are places to address grievances other than the platoon, company or battalion commander.

Barak was making his last tour of the IDF's central induction base at Tel Hashomer as chief of staff, and met and spoke with newly-arrived November conscripts.

"Their motivation and enthusiasm is discernible. The IDF has gone a long way since I joined as far as quality and preparedness. It also has the highest discipline ever, with visible results," Barak said.

Chief Education Officer Brig. Gen. Shalom Ben-Moshe echoed

Barak's implicit criticism of parents' excessive involvement, saying that the army cannot function properly because of this interference.

"The parents are exaggerating and that is damaging, rather than having any positive effects. Even if in the short run or in an individual case there seem to be results, in the long run it interferes. These parents have all served in the army and are familiar with regulations and orders."

"I personally embrace the army's openness, but there has to be some limit on involvement...I agree that there are instances when parents should not sit by when detecting a danger to their sons, but on issues of training, operations and discipline there must be a limit, otherwise the message is that commanders cannot be trusted," Ben-Moshe told Army Radio yesterday evening.

No new information uncovered about missing Sasha Brandet

RAINE MARCUS

THERE is still no news of the whereabouts of 10-year old Alexandra ("Sasha") Brandet who disappeared on her way home from her Ramat Gan school last Thursday afternoon.

The photokit picture of the man seen by Alexandra's schoolmates leading her away in a park near the school published yesterday encouraged many people to call police, who are checking all information.

However, as of last night there were no leads which could help trace the man who kidnapped

Alexandra. Tel Aviv's entire central unit is working on the case, which the city's police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last called "extraordinary and difficult." Door-to-door inquiries and intensive searches of parks and other areas which were conducted for five days have been called off, and police are now relying mainly on intelligence information.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz is expected to meet with Tel Aviv brass this morning for a briefing on the situation.

NIS 218,000 raised for Rwanda

MAGEN David Adom's campaign to raise funds for Rwandan refugees, which began several months ago, has collected NIS 218,205, MDA announced yesterday. The bank account has now been closed.

Most of the money has already been sent through the Foreign Ministry to organizations helping the refugees; the rest will be given by MDA officials to the ministry in a modest ceremony next week.

Gideon Pfeiffer, the Rotary-Israel governor, will also present a check for NIS 20,000 to Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin. Rotary collected that sum for the refugees from its members.

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